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KING OF THAILAND CROWNED IN BANGKOK

Assumes regal powers in colourful ceremony

FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH

Bangkok, May 5.

Temple bells throughout Thailand pealed the news that 22-year-old Phumiphon Aduldet had become its first constitutional monarch at noon today.

Thailand settles war claims

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The Thailand Government has officially informed the United Kingdom, Australia and India of an agreement to settle Commonwealth and Allied war claims against Thailand for a lump sum of £5,245,000.

Thailand's official intimation confirms that a settlement has already been verbally negotiated between the Commonwealth parties jointly and Thailand.

Five Thailand Government technical stipulations in the settlement remain to be agreed to by the Commonwealth parties.

The lump sum settlement includes British, Australian and Indian Government responsibility for:

- 1.—Deciding between themselves the lump sum portion due to each claimant nation; and
- 2.—Individual governments evolving methods of apportioning national lump sums between individual claimants.

First full payment

Thailand's agreement to a war claims settlement ends all but minor technical obligations to the Commonwealth countries resulting from Thailand's wartime alliance with Japan.

The agreement also marks the first post-war full indemnity paid by an ex-enemy to the victorious Allies.

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California Bear to be released

San Francisco, May 5. T.S. Lowry, vice president in charge of operations of the Pacific Far East Lines, says the Communists "momentarily" will release the line's California Bear.

The ship was detained in North China waters after colliding with a Chinese Communist vessel. At the time the Red radio said the captain would be charged with negligence leading to the death of 70 Chinese nationals. The company then insisted the captain was not at fault.

Mr. Lowry told a gathering of newsmen yesterday that the Communists held a "normal inquiry" of the accident and would soon release the ship.—Associated Press.

The Weather

At 0500 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) a complex low pressure area covers the Yellow Sea, Japan and Manchuria. Two weak anticyclones cover the East and South China Seas.

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King Phumiphon



Thailand's young Monarch who was crowned in a colourful ceremony in Bangkok yesterday. Photo above shows King Phumiphon riding in his limousine from the dock to the Royal palace after his arrival in Bangkok from abroad. (A.P. Photo).

King Phumiphon assumed full regal powers when he was crowned king under the ceremonial nine tiered umbrella in the Royal palace.

The coronation was accompanied by a mixture of ancient and modern sounds—the blare of trumpets, beating of drums, music of the pipe and conch shell and the roar of 30 fighter planes of the Royal Thai Air Force. To these the army and navy added their salutes.

The ceremony, which began at 10 a.m. and lasted two hours, was held in the Royal palace where the King put on the crown for the first time and was enthroned under the state umbrella.

There he received the Royal regalia and appurtenances signifying his reign had formally begun. The regalia included arms of a warrior of early Siamese history including a flint gun which legend has it was used by King Narayan of the ancient capital Ayudhya.

The regalia also included rings, shoes, walking sticks and a fan. After his own coronation, King Phumiphon bestowed upon his 17-year-old bride, former Princess Sirikit Kittayakorn the full title of Queen.

The Presidents of both Houses of Parliament and six other members replaced Brahmins who, at the previous coronation, represented the eight cardinal points of the kingdom. Each advanced in turn, beginning with the East and declared their allegiance to the throne.

Former Premier Khuang Aphawong, Bangkok Member of Parliament and leader of the Government's Opposition, represented the East point and was the first to perform that part of the ceremony.

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U.S. revokes passport of atomic scientist

New York, May 5.

The State Department stopped Mr. Edward Corson, Chicago atomic scientist, from sailing for France yesterday and revoked his passport "in the national interest."

The 28-year-old scientist, former co-worker with Dr. Klaus Fuchs, who was convicted as a Soviet spy, said in New York early today he knew of "no reason" why he should have been barred from making his French lecture tour.

A State Department spokesman in Washington would not elaborate on his statement that "we do not think it was in the national interest for him to go."

"I wish to state categorically that there is no evidence, occasion, for the unilateral action taken by the State Department lifting my passport to travel to Europe for lectures, particularly in view of the fact the Department and the FBI have at all times been fully apprised of my plans which they had previously approved," Corson said.

"I should not want this inadvertent error to work to the detriment of the national interest or our own State Department."

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U.S. WARNS RUSSIA ON BALTIC INCIDENT

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The United States warned Russia today that the false charges in the Baltic plane incident are "a further obstacle to the establishment of harmonious relations among the nations."

"The Soviet Government," the United States said, "must bear the responsibility both for the action of its air force and for the manner in which it has dealt with this incident. The Government of the United States must warn the Government of the Soviet Socialist Republics of the seriousness with which it regards the attitude of the USSR in a matter of such grave consequence."

The American note again denied the Soviet contention that a B-29 aircraft had violated Soviet territory and exchanged fire with Russian fighter planes. It again affirmed the American version—that Soviet fighters had shot down an unarmed Navy P-47C aircraft over open waters of the Baltic Sea on April 8, with a loss of ten American fliers.

The note said: "It is apparent that the Soviet Government's account of this incident is not factual."

The Soviet Union, in a note on April 21, had rejected as "absurd" the American version of the Baltic incident. The Soviet Union reiterated that a B-29 "Flying Fortress" had flown over Soviet installations in Latvia. The B-29 is a "Super-Fortress."

Erroneous account

In its reply today, the United States said the Soviet note "makes it obvious that the USSR continues to base its position on an erroneous account, and that it has failed to carry out the careful investigation suggested by the United States, which would enable it to correct these errors."

The new American note rejected as "wholly without foundation," the Soviet charge that American aviators had "besmirched themselves by grossly violating universally accepted principles of international law."

The American note said the United States "has no alternative but to conclude that the Government of the USSR has not only failed to meet its duty to protect the integrity of its own territory, but also failed to uphold the obligations of international law and practice imposed upon members of the family of nations."—United Press.

Forced back

The dissidents were reported forced back to a point 13 kilometres from La Paz near the provincial boundary between Tariac and Nueva Vizcaya.

An unconfirmed report said three Huks were killed. The dissidents entered La Paz presumably with the intention of "sacking the town," but were able to leave only one store.

Fighting began late last night and was continuing up to late this morning with Constabulary reinforcements continuing to pour into the fighting area.—United Press.

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Labour win Yorkshire bye-election

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Labour retained their seat in the Brighouse and Spenborough division of Yorkshire in yesterday's bye-election.

The result announced early today after a recount was: J. L. Edwards, Labour, 24,004. Major W. G. Wooley, National Liberal, 23,567.—Reuter.

Red view on U.S. famine relief offer

The Chinese Communist Deputy Premier, Mr. Tung Pih-wu, charged yesterday that the United States offers of aid in China's famine relief were "political intrigue" designed to undermine the People's Government and break up the friendship between China and Soviet Russia.

Mr. Tung, in a long report to the recent famine relief conference in Peking on April 20 (released by the New China news agency yesterday), supported the Peking Government, Vice Chairman Liu Shao-chi's rejection of American aid offers.

He referred his listeners to the "subversive activities" of the American Hoover relief organization in the Volga basin famine early in the twenties. He reminded them also of alleged American discriminations against the Communists in UNRRA relief, alleged American advice to rice producing countries not to sell rice to China and American aid to the Nationalists "in the mass massacre of the Chinese people."

Mr. Tung claimed that efforts on the part of the Chinese themselves under the direction of the People's Government had resulted in the saving of millions of lives, and that the serious nature of the famine was now being surmounted.

He said only 20 per cent of the 40,000,000 famine refugees were in dire need of relief. Of the remaining 80 per cent, one-fourth of them had no further need of relief and three-fourths had been organised into self-relieving production work.—United Press.

First command

Upon its conclusion the King pronounced his first command: "We shall reign in righteousness for the good of the Siamese people."

Commonwealth talks on Jap peace treaty

London, May 5. The Commonwealth High Commissioners today attended a fifth meeting of the consultative committee on the Japanese peace treaty.

The meeting started at 9.30 a.m. in the British Cabinet offices with the Commonwealth Relations Secretary Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, presiding. The High Commissioners had not attended the meeting since the opening ceremony last Monday afternoon but since then they had been attended by officials and envoys from the High Commissioners' offices who reported "successful progress."

The decision to call in the High Commissioners again today revived early speculation that trouble was brewing because of the Indian and Ceylon High Commissioners' contention that the meeting should be conducted on a higher level. At the opening session last Monday, Mr. Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Krishna Menon, said it was his view that the deliberations should be conducted by the High Commissioners themselves and not delegated to subordinate officials.

Mr. Menon was supported by Ceylon's High Commissioner, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke. Both intimated they intended to consult their respective Governments for further instructions.

Today there were unconfirmed reports that Mr. Menon was being recalled to New Delhi because of the attitude he had taken at the opening session. No official comment was forthcoming except that the High Commissioners were being called in today.

Mr. Gordon Walker presided at the meeting.

Plots against foreigners in Thailand revealed

Bangkok, May 5. The Thailand police have officially advised, through foreign diplomatic and consulate posts, that members of Bangkok's approximately 3,000-strong Western foreign communities must notify the police 48 hours before holding cocktail parties and similar social gatherings in future.

It is stated that the reason for the police decision is the uncovering of information that "certain elements" were planning "gratuitous or similar violent assaults on foreigners" in Bangkok.

In order to spread a general feeling of insecurity and prejudice, relations between the Thai Government and foreign powers, the police said, they had decided to take such action.

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Central Cooling

No doubt some earnest persons have from time to time devised a formula for the measurement of time. They might, for instance, multiply the temperature (in degrees centigrade) by the humidity (in degrees of discomfort) and divide by the energy expended in the game in progress or in strokes per hole, goals per chukka, runs per over. But whatever the variable involved, the answer remains constant. Take a long glass of Rose's Lime Juice with a couple of ice-cubes floating; hold it to the light and gaze over its pale translucent greenness, rock it gently until the ice-cubes tinkle. Then put your self outside it.

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Relief of unemployed workers in Shanghai

The Shanghai City Government has decided to appropriate 1,000 million Yen Min Piao (nearly US\$30,000) for the relief of unemployed, according to recent arrivals from the North. At the same time, the East China Political and Military Commission has agreed to a proposed drive for funds in aid of unemployed workers, whose number in Shanghai alone is reported to exceed 500,000.

Medal for retired HK postman

The Imperial Service Medal has been awarded to Mr. Wong Sul, retired Assistant Head Postman of the General Post Office, it was announced in the "Government Gazette" yesterday.

This is the first time such an award has been bestowed on a member of the Hong Kong Post Office in more than 30 years, it was officially learned.

Mr. Wong Sul joined the Post Office on August 11, 1910 as a 3rd Class postman.

He was eventually promoted to 1st Class on July 4, 1938.

Since the re-occupation of the Colony he has been assigned to the work of assisting the Head Postman in the controlling of postmen, a position which called for tact and understanding.

Of a jovial nature he was well liked and respected by both subordinates and seniors and was the type of officer who was sometimes difficult to replace.

His retirement at 61 on March 19, 1950 was a great loss to the service. His record of 39 years faithful and efficient service has been awarded with the Imperial Service Medal.

Opposition to immigration restrictions

Opposition to the immigration restrictions imposed on Chinese nationals entering the Colony was expressed at a meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The main ground of opposition was that any such restriction would be inimical to Hong Kong's prosperity which stems entirely from its free trade and free traffic of people from the mainland.

One speaker said such restriction was contrary to the spirit of the Treaty of Nanking.

Though Government's announced reason for imposing such restriction was maintenance of law and order, it was pointed out that restriction could be confined to undesirable elements only instead of inconveniencing bona fide travellers and it was decided that representation should be made to Government for a modification of the present screening process without impairing the efficiency of the check on entry of undesirable elements.

The matter was referred to a special sub-committee for study and canvas of representative views on the subject, before formal representation is made to Government.

In the series "Things Chinese" lectures at the YWCA, Duddell Street, on Tuesdays at 3 p.m., Madame N. du Broil will speak on "Chinese Silk" on May 9.

It is reported that in a directive, the Commission: 1. Ordered all labourers and white-collar workers at present employed to contribute one day's pay, and public organisations, and commanding officers of the People's Liberation Army in East China to donate funds, or foodstuffs, for the relief of the unemployed.

2. Urged the launching of a large-scale publicity campaign to bring home to the people the cause of the widespread unemployment and the measures necessary to overcome the crisis.

3. Approved the formation of fund-raising committees and the establishment of relief camps and labour exchanges.

The Commission is said to have instructed that all contributions from East China villages, whether in cash or kind, should be devoted to relief in the famine-stricken areas, but that donations from cities could be used for helping unemployed in Shanghai.

Arrivals from the North said the seriousness of the unemployment situation in Shanghai is reflected in the rapidly increasing number of beggars and of such crimes as hold-ups in lonely streets.

Textile industry's difficulties

Some of the grave difficulties facing Shanghai's once-prosperous textile industry were discussed at a recent round table conference under the auspices of the Textile Industry Department of the East China Military and Political Commission, according to a report here.

Liu Shao-wen, director of the department, said that almost all Shanghai's textile mills were heavily in debt arising from accumulated losses borrowed at high rates of interest. He urged the mill owners to:

1. Temporarily close down mills which are unable to operate, with a view to reopening at a later date.
2. Obtain allocations of raw cotton from the Government to spin cotton yarn and weave cloth for the Government's account, so as to keep the mills operating.
3. Reorganise their systems of administration and management to cut down overheads.

Owners pointed out that they have no operating capital because banks themselves are unwilling to grant loans. One operator suggested that the mill hands take a voluntary pay cut. Another said that although both labour and machine efficiency had improved considerably, the mill was still meeting with a heavy deficit.—Reuter and United Press.

MIDWIVES BOARD EXAMINATION

The results of the Midwives Board Examination held in April were published in yesterday's "Government Gazette". The successful candidates:

Government Hospital: Sheila Lu (with Honours);
Tean Yuk Hospital: Ho Kit-ye, Fung Mo-yin and Ng Yuk-kwan.
Kwong Wah Hospital: Ng Lau-fong.

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Personalia

Mr. H.M. Habibullah, President of the Pakistan National Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was entertained to a tea party by the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Mr. Cheuk-hung, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber, extended a welcome to the distinguished visitor, who is on a world tour on business and pleasure.

Mr. Edmund F. Clarke, Division Manager for Latin America and the Far East of RKO Radio Pictures, arrived from Manila by Pan American World Airways Aircraft yesterday.

Mr. Clarke who is on a Far East business tour, was met at Kai Tak by Mr. Eric Kwok, General Manager of RKO Radio Pictures, in the Colony.

He is expected to stay in the Colony for about five days before proceeding to Bangkok and Calcutta.

Mr. Harry Stonehill, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Manila, arrived by Philippine Air Lines from Manila yesterday.

Mr. Stonehill is here to attend the inaugural meeting of the Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce today at the Peninsula Hotel.

The well known Filipino business man, Mr. Eduardo Cojuangco of Manila, arrived from Bangkok by Pan American World Airways yesterday.

Mr. Cojuangco who is on a round the world trip, is accompanied by his wife and their three daughters.

The Assistant Colonial Secretary, Mr. Austin Coates, left for Bangkok by British Overseas Airways yesterday.

Mr. Coates is expected to return here after one week.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meyers, Miss P. W. Herick, Miss C. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bavard, Miss N. Shey, Miss S. A. Judah, Miss J. Finney, Mr. and Mrs. S. Martin, Messrs. K. Shafer, R. R. Bourret and J. E. King.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, Mrs. E. M. Walsh, Miss D. M. Giberson, Miss V. Settle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. L. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. K. Smith-Mitchell, Miss F. L. Fong, Lieutenant W. C. Wilde and H. Blochlinger.

Mr. W. S. Anderson, of the National Cash Register Company, will preside at the screening of the film "The Story of Money" at the weekly luncheon of the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Messrs. M. Santos y Aguilar, M. del Rosario and A. D. Grebeneff left for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

The guest speaker at the Kowloon Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, English Morning Service, will be the Rev. Mr. T. J. Bach, General Director Emeritus of the Evangelical Alliance Mission. The service will be at 9.45 a.m. tomorrow.

Mrs. Theodore Choy will give her fourth lecture on "Child Study" at the YWCA, Duddell Street, on Wednesday at 3 p.m. Her subject will be "Comparison of the characteristics of different age groups of children."

The Rev. Fr. P. Monchelet, L. Fontaine and Mr. and Mrs. David Kitchin left for Hong Kong for Rome by BOAC yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. Thorngate left the Colony for Calcutta yesterday by BOAC.

Departures for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC included: Lieutenant Colonel Colville, Mrs. H. Reid, Messrs. H. V. Richardson, Kuo Chen-tai, G. Lock, Chung Jem-hwa, Eugene Y. C. Sun and Yi Nien-tai.

Messrs. S. Salmon, U. Bin Selu and Maung Maung, left for Rangoon by BOAC yesterday.

A. Coates and Mr. and Mrs. G. Brockmann left Hong Kong for Bangkok by BOAC yesterday.

EXHIBITS IN SUN FO CASE HANDED TO CID

The cross-examination of Nancy Nyl, complainant in the Sun Fo maintenance case, was uneventful yesterday by some sharp exchanges between counsel on both sides, and frequent interventions by the magistrate.

In the course of the questioning Sir Man-kam Lo, counsel for Dr. Sun Fo, openly charged complainant with committing perjury over evidence on two exhibits which, it was eventually agreed, were to be submitted to the Criminal Investigation Department for a check-up.

The hearing was conducted at Central before Mr. Hing-shing Lo. It was the second day of the cross-examination of Nancy Nyl, who claimed to be the concubine of Dr. Sun Fo. She was represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva.

The proceedings opened yesterday with questions put by Sir Man-kam Lo to complainant about her being taken to the Memorial Cottage. She said she did not know whether the cottage to which she was taken was the "Wing Mo Lo" Cottage which is a subsidiary building of the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum, nor did she know that the cottage was built for the use of the Sun family when they visited the Mausoleum for ceremonies.

Questioned further regarding the cottage, she said she was not aware that the cottage, like the rest of the park, was for public use. At the time she was there she did not see members of the public using it, but only servants whom she thought were employed by Dr. Sun. She did not know the cottage and the park were maintained by public funds.

While she stayed at the cottage she had three meals in two days. The food was cooked in the kitchen of the cottage. The cottage was furnished but she did not know whether it was occupied or not.

Sir Man-kam then questioned her closely regarding several photos said to have been taken in the park during her stay at the cottage.

Name on ticket

Regarding her arrival in Hong Kong by the ss. Wing Sang last year she admitted that when she bought the passage ticket she had her photograph taken and this was affixed to the ticket.

In answer to Sir Man-kam as to what name she used on the ticket, complainant replied that she used another name—Yim Kam-man. It was her other name.

Sir Man-kam: "I put it to you that that was not the name used but the name of Cheuk Yik-kam."—Yes.

Explaining this she said the ticket was bought by Mr. Cheuk for her.

In answer to the Magistrate she admitted she had been using the name of Mrs. Cheuk frequently.

Sir Man-kam Lo: "Then you bought the ticket in the name of Mrs. Cheuk."—This was known to Dr. Sun.

In answer to further cross-examination complainant said in May 1933 she was pregnant. She discovered this about a week after Dr. Sun's visit. At the time Dr. Sun was visiting her about four times in a fortnight. However, she wrote to Dr. Sun to inform him of her condition.

Pressed by Sir Man-kam Lo for her reason for writing to Dr. Sun when he was visiting her so frequently, she said sometimes Dr. Sun's visits were delayed by business or going abroad, and she thought it would be better to write to him.

She said the letter was sent by registered post because of the importance of the matter. She added that she sent most of her letters to Dr. Sun by this means.

Verbal guarantee

Regarding a meeting with To Yuet-sang, complainant said she accepted To's verbal guarantee because To assured her it was not necessary for a written guarantee.

Dr. Sun gave her \$500 on each occasion of her two children's "full moon" celebrations. On both occasions she gave parties in her house. None of Dr. Sun's relatives attended but some of his friends did. She named two—Tam Hoi-shaw and Ng Kin-hing.

Squatter area to be cleared

Further elimination of squatter camps on the island has been ordered by the authorities concerned.

The next squatter camp to be cleared as defined in yesterday's "Government Gazette" is an area in the Western District.

It is bounded on the North by Connaught Road West, on the East by Eastern Street, on the South by High Street, and thence Westwards along Pokfulam Road to Hill Road; on the West by Hill Road, and thence North Westwards across Des Voeux Road West to its junction with Connaught Road West.

Shanghai straw hats trade

The export of straw hats from Shanghai is doing a brisk trade this year and several large orders have been received from British and American firms, according to a report from the Communist-occupied city.

The Hwa Fo Linen Hat Manufacturers have received an order for 2,000 dozen straw hats from Britain and 1,000 dozen from the U. S. From stocks on hand, 400 dozen have been sold to importers in Britain and Australia.

Straw hats have been an important export item from China for many years. The producing centres are inland. Between March and the end of June production is estimated to reach 600,000 dozens.—United Press.

HK-Macao fares reduced

The Ming Sung Industrial Company yesterday reduced their fares for the Hong Kong-Macao run following the decrease in passengers from the Portuguese port now that the Hong Kong Immigration Regulations are in force.

The former fares from Macao to Hong Kong on the larger Ming Sung vessels such as the "HK\$30", "HK\$32", "HK\$34", "HK\$36", "HK\$38", "HK\$40", "HK\$42", "HK\$44", "HK\$46", "HK\$48", "HK\$50", "HK\$52", "HK\$54", "HK\$56", "HK\$58", "HK\$60", "HK\$62", "HK\$64", "HK\$66", "HK\$68", "HK\$70", "HK\$72", "HK\$74", "HK\$76", "HK\$78", "HK\$80", "HK\$82", "HK\$84", "HK\$86", "HK\$88", "HK\$90", "HK\$92", "HK\$94", "HK\$96", "HK\$98", "HK\$100", "HK\$102", "HK\$104", "HK\$106", "HK\$108", "HK\$110", "HK\$112", "HK\$114", "HK\$116", "HK\$118", "HK\$120", "HK\$122", "HK\$124", "HK\$126", "HK\$128", "HK\$130", "HK\$132", "HK\$134", "HK\$136", "HK\$138", "HK\$140", "HK\$142", "HK\$144", "HK\$146", "HK\$148", "HK\$150", "HK\$152", "HK\$154", "HK\$156", "HK\$158", "HK\$160", "HK\$162", "HK\$164", "HK\$166", "HK\$168", "HK\$170", "HK\$172", "HK\$174", "HK\$176", "HK\$178", "HK\$180", "HK\$182", "HK\$184", "HK\$186", "HK\$188", "HK\$190", "HK\$192", "HK\$194", "HK\$196", "HK\$198", "HK\$200", 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Indian Ambassador hails "liberation" of China

Powell's dividend

At a Meeting of the Directors of William Powell, Limited, yesterday it was decided that subject to audit the Directors will recommend to shareholders at the ordinary yearly meeting to be held this month, the payment of a Dividend of 10 pence, free of tax, in respect of the financial year ended February 28, 1950.

Concert at Club Lusitano

An enjoyable concert of vocal and piano renditions was given at Club Lusitano last night under the auspices of the Portuguese Institute of Hong Kong. Lady Grantham attended and was received by Dr. Eduardo Brazao, the Portuguese Consul, and Mrs. Brazao.

Mrs. Ligia Pinto Ribeiro, vocalist, delighted the audience of music lovers with selections from Bach, Mozart and Schubert. Her renditions included Portuguese songs composed by her physician-husband. Accompanying Mrs. Pinto Ribeiro at the piano was Professor Harry Ore. Professor Ore also contributed to the evening's entertainment with solo pieces.

The concert will be repeated tonight at the Club de Recreio.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The Engineering Society of Hong Kong held its third annual dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel last night.

The Governor was present at the function.

The liberation of China by the Chinese people was praised by His Excellency, Dr. Sirdar K. M. Panikkar, Indian Ambassador to China, in a speech before a gathering of more than 170 Indians of the local Indian community at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Panikkar said that what has taken place in China during the past few years is a great event in the Far East.

Calling on the Indians to build up a bridge for a closer relationship between China and India, Dr. Panikkar said these two peoples are preparing to play a great role in the development of the world, and predicted that the relations between the two nations are bound to develop to the benefit of both.

Both Dr. Panikkar and Mr. T. A. Thivy, Indian representative in Singapore, Malaya and Hong Kong, were guests of honour at a tea party given by the Indian Association yesterday afternoon at the Hong Kong Hotel. Ambassador Panikkar was accompanied by Madame K. M. Panikkar and their daughter Miss Panikkar. He is passing through Hong Kong en route to Peking where he is to assume his new post.

Gandhi cited

Mr. T. A. Thivy, speaking after Dr. Panikkar, called on the Indian people to follow the unique course set up by Mahatma Gandhi in order to be an example to the rest of the world. He praised the conduct of local Indians in their co-operation with the British authorities.

Introducing the guests of honour at the beginning of the party Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, Honorary Secretary of the Indian Association, said that the Indians in Hong Kong are safe in the capable hands of two such distinguished and able representatives of their motherland and have great pleasure in extending to them a hearty welcome.

Suggested by Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, a toast was offered to the two distinguished guests by those who were present at the party.

Charges against master of missing ship

The Master of the ss. Sing Hing, Captain Robert Young, was to have appeared before Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court yesterday to face two charges of breach of the marine regulations.

He was charged with failing to have on board his vessel sufficient lifeboats for all persons on board on April 28, and with carrying a greater number of passengers than was allowed in his ship's licence.

Captain Young failed to appear in Court and an agent of the Ta Hing Shipping Company, owner of the ship, told the court that the vessel was not in port and that the whereabouts of the ship was not known.

Sub-Inspector S. MacKenzie successfully asked for the case to be remanded since die.

The ss. Sing Hing sailed from Hong Kong for Amoy on April 28. She was reported to have been arrested by a Nationalist gunboat near Amoy.

The company owning the ship, contacted by the "China Mail" yesterday evening, said that they were trying to contact the missing vessel and her whereabouts was still unknown.

CONTROLLED PRICES

Further amendments to the Controlled Price Commodity List follow:

Maximum Retail Price
Jam: LXL Brand Apricot Jam \$1.20 per 24 oz. tin; LXL Assorted Jam \$1.15 per 24 oz. tin.
Meat: Golden Cordon Pastilles Brand Tabled Margarine \$2.50 per 2 lbs. tin.
Meat-Canned: Boneless Mild Cured & Cooked Ham-Allways Brand \$1.15 per 5 1/2 lbs. tin; Boneless Mild Cured & Cooked Ham-Allways Brand \$1.35 per 30 oz. tin.

WHIST DRIVE

The Hong Kong Women's International Club held a whist drive on Thursday for Servicemen. The prize winners were: D. Badham, Corporal R. Fisher, Sergeant Howes and Lance-Corporal E. Fisher.

Mrs. Mundy presided over the function. Light refreshments were served during the interval.

Next Thursday an informal dance will be held at the Club at 7.30 p.m.

SUMMER LINGERIE

Wynne and Sons, with nylon lace, rayon, silk, and cotton lace, are offering a special sale on all summer lingerie. The sale is held at 1110, 1112, and 1114, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

THE EVERGREEN

Evergreen is a new and exciting film. It is a story of love and adventure. It is a must-see for all film lovers. It is being shown at the Grand Theatre.

Reminders

Today

HK Junior Chamber of Commerce, inauguration dinner-dance, Peninsula Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
Kowloon Gramophone Society classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
Vocal Concert by Mrs. Pinto Ribeiro, at Club de Recreio, 8.30 p.m.
Alumni & former students of California University, general meeting Cosmo Club.
New Aberdeen Industrial School playground, official opening by Governor, 3 p.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club dance, 9 p.m.
Cheero Services Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW
HK Art Club sketching party to Stanley, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA, Armchair Group meeting talk on "A Study of Communism in relation to Christianity" by the Rev. Mr. West, 8.45 p.m.

MONDAY

Union Jack Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Whist Drive 8 p.m.
American International Assurance Co., Ltd., "Open House" at new premises in Edinburgh House, 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club luncheon, screening of film "The Story of Money" Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
European YMCA Bridge Drive, 3 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Dancing Class, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Tingle's physical course, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing class, 6-7 p.m.; film "Isle of Dead," 8 p.m.
HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, monthly meeting, China Fleet Club theatre, 5.30 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m.

ANOTHER TAXI DRIVER ROBBED

The driver of taxi No. 4081 was robbed by a lone robber shortly before 9 p.m. last night.

According to a police report the robber hired the taxi at Yaumati and on reaching Argyle Street pointed a revolver at the driver and robbed him of a wrist watch and some cash.

A fine of \$15 was imposed on D. Harper, aged 32, by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Harper was charged with damaging a door at an address at Taipo Road on Thursday night and causing a public disturbance.

Defendant, Second Officer of the ss. Frosty Moller, was said to have gone to 105 Taipo Road to look for a friend. Not being allowed admittance, Harper was said to have kicked at the door, damaging it. Neighbours, aroused by the commotion, informed the police.

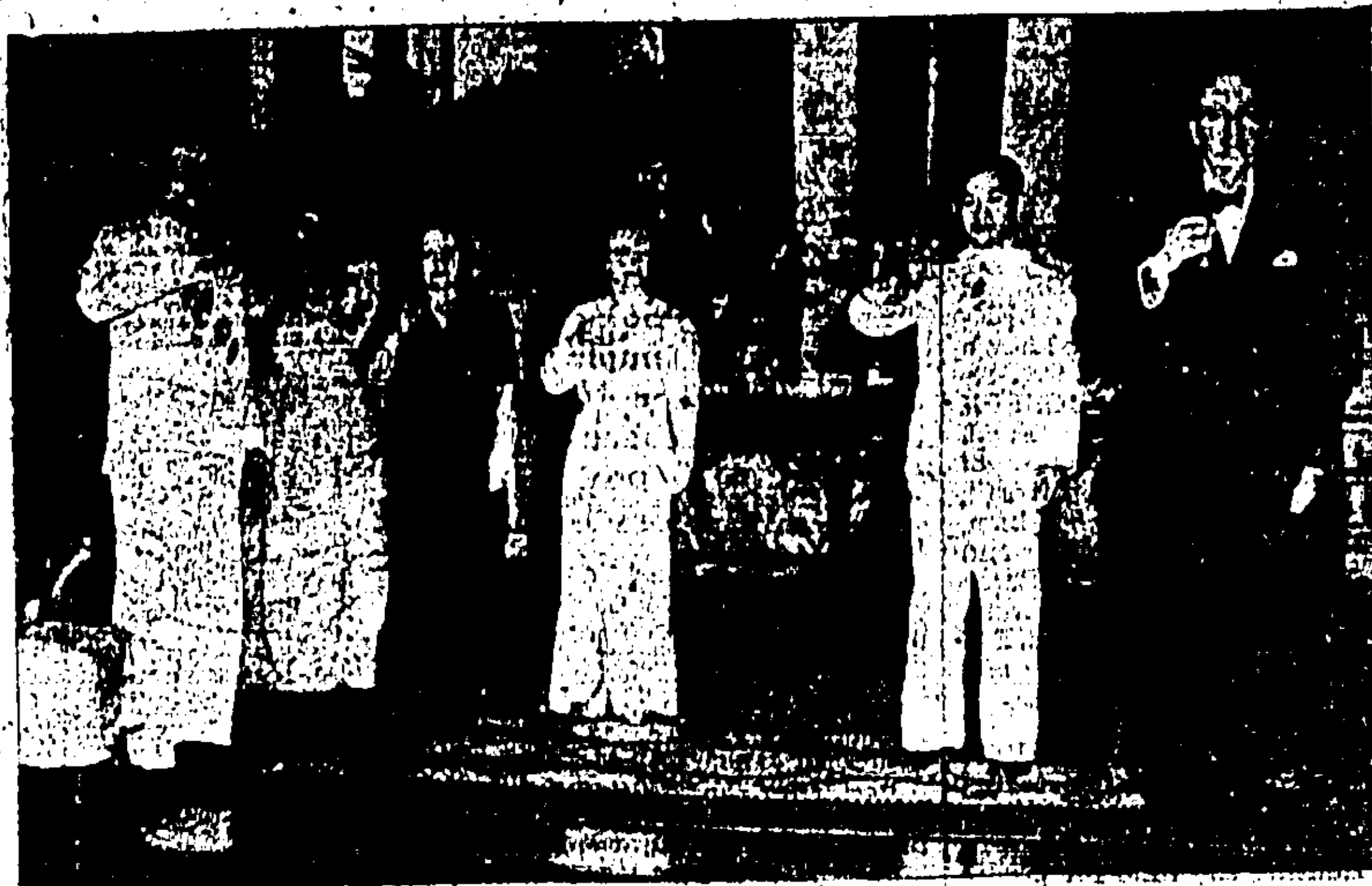
Lighter wrecked on Bunsansiah Rock

While being towed from Macao by the Frosty Moller on May 3, lighter No 513V, registered in Hong Kong, was cast adrift by the snapping of the tow-rope about 400 yards North West of Kap Sing Island, and later was wrecked on Bunsansiah Rock.

In order to prevent her drifting, the master, Ho Lin dropped anchor but the water was too deep and the vessel was carried along by the swift current. It was not till about noon the same day that the anchor held about 500 yards South East of Kap Sing Island.

One of the crew of eight, including the master, was sent ashore and a report was sent to the Hong Kong office.

A second anchor was dropped again at noon as the current grew stronger and caused the chain of the first anchor to snap. At 12.30 p.m. the lighter struck Bunsansiah Rock. She was not damaged by the collision but the churning of the waves and the chattering-bumping of the hull on the rocks caused a hole in the bottom.



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham (right) is seen proposing a toast to the newly-crowned King of Thailand at a reception in King Phumiphon's honour yesterday. "China Mail" photo.

New car built for the Peak Tramways

During the past year the Leung Kam Kee Engineering Company have been constructing a new all-metal car for the Peak Tramways Company Limited. The car has now been completed and is due to be put into service on May 13.

The car has many new interesting features and is of a stronger and lighter construction than the existing type of car. Of the double-ended type, it has a very pleasing appearance, having a streamlined effect.

The framework of the car has been constructed out of hollow steel sections specially designed to overcome the strain which develops when the car is travelling on the steeper gradients of the Peak Tramways track. All the panel work, both interior and exterior, is made of aluminium resulting in a greatly reduced weight of the car. The car is capable of carrying 62 passengers.

The windows, of which there are fewer than in the old type of car, are larger to give maximum observation to passengers travelling to and from the Peak. All the glass in the side windows is of the splinter-proof safety type. Corner rounded windows at both ends of the car are of Perspex, these windows also allowing passengers to have maximum observation. The windows can be locked in several different positions and are easily controlled by the passengers.

The seat frames are of steel tubular construction with wooden slatted seats, formed to enable passengers to get maximum comfort and are fitted with chromium-plated handles to allow passengers to get in and out of seats easily.

Another interesting feature of the Peak Tramways Company Limited's new lightweight car is its fluorescent lighting. The Peak Tramways Company Limited are the first passenger transportation company to install this type of fluorescent lighting in the Far East. The power for the fluorescent lighting is supplied from 24 volt batteries to a rotary converter which changes the power from 24 volts D.C. to 110 volts A.C. at 300 cycles per second. The fluorescent tubes which are wound white and enclosed by reced Perspex covers have a very pleasing effect.

Colour scheme

The colours of the car are very attractive, the roof being painted cream and the lower outer part

being painted Cyprus green with two cream lines round the bodywork. The interior of the car is painted white on the rounded ceiling and chocolate brown on the lower panelling. All exterior handles are of polished aluminium.

The car is 12 cwt. lighter than the old wooden type after allowing for the weight of nine additional passengers.

The car was constructed at the Leung Kam Kee Engineering Works, Fa Yuen Street, Kowloon, under the direct supervision of Mr. K. K. Leung of Leung Kam Kee Engineering Company and Mr. J. Arnold, Superintendent of the Peak Tramways Company Limited, and erected in the Peak Tramways Company Limited's car shed.

The window fittings, which were manufactured by Quick Thro Ltd. were supplied by Charles Reid and Co. The aluminium for the panel work was also supplied by Charles Reid and Co.

The fluorescent lighting equipment was supplied by the British General Electric Co. of England. The car is finished in paint, Monel metal aero-type rivets and Perspex were supplied by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

The Leung Kam Kee Engineering Company are the only company in Hong Kong who are able to fabricate the hollow steel sections used in the construction of all-metal vehicle bodywork and have recently constructed several all-metal vans of similar construction for the Hong Kong Government. They are at present constructing all metal bodywork for the Kowloon Motor Bus Company Limited.

OFFICIAL NOTICES APPOINTMENTS

Mr. W. F. Watson, Deputy Estate Deputy Commissioner in addition to his other duties effective from May 1.

Mr. T. H. Low, a Marine Magistrate effective from May 1, and a Member of the Port Welfare Committee.

Mr. W. H. Bennett, an Assessor, Grade II, on probation, effective from April 1.

Mr. T. S. D. Whitley Acting Quartermaster, effective from May 2.

Dr. T. Newton, Dr. J. P. Fehily, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Man-keam Le, Dr. S. M. Chan, Mr. Leo d'Almeida, and Mr. P. S. Cassidy appointed to be Official Members of the Legislative Council effective from April 20.

Mr. A. J. Weir, provisionally appointed to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council effective from May 3.

Mr. Sanga Sukhabut, Acting Consul-General for Thailand at Hong Kong.

The Legislative Board will in future meet every three months in the month of February, May, August and November.

Reception in honour of Thai King

About 300 hundred persons attended the reception in honour of the coronation of His Majesty King Phumiphon Aduldet of Thailand, held by the Thai Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr. Sanga Sukhabut, and Madame Sukhabut.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who was present, proposed a toast to the King of Thailand, after which the Thai National Anthem was played. Mr. Sukhabut in turn proposed a toast to King George VI.

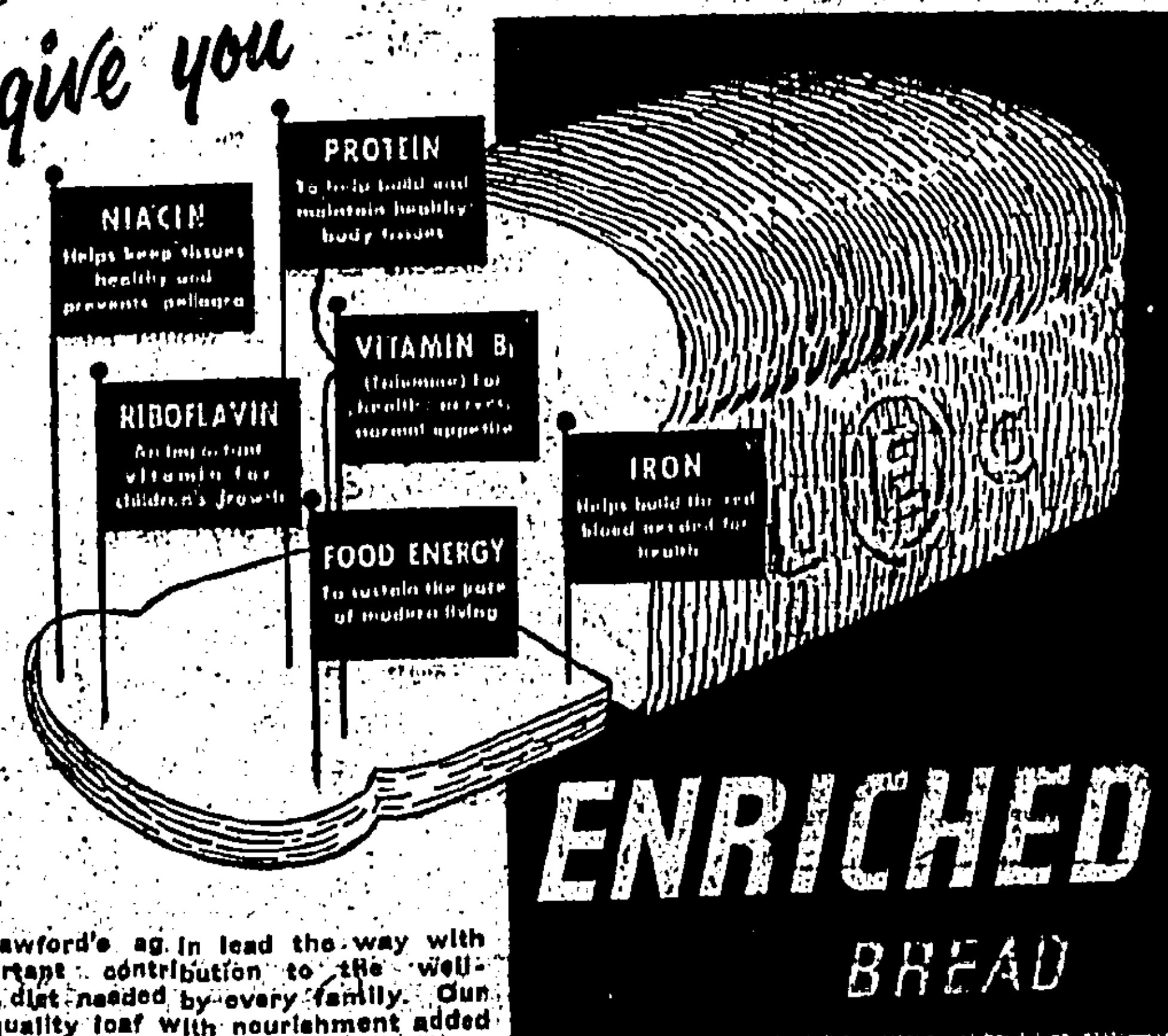
Among the many guests invited were diplomatic officials, civic leaders, and Government and military officials.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Charles Maria Quinn, of 132 Austin Road, first floor, and Miss Yolanda Socorro Franco, of 2 Salisbury Avenue; Franco and First Lieutenant William Weikel, USAF, of Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Catherine Digmanese, en route to Hong Kong.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the Twenty-sixth day of May 1956.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims on or before that date to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Hongkong (Trustee) Limited, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, Hongkong, the duly appointed Executor of the will of the abovenamed deceased.

Dated this 26th day of April 1956.

DEACONS
Solicitors,
Prince's Building,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE
THE HONGKONG &
YAUMATI FERRY
COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Second Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 20th May, 1956, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1955 and transacting the ordinary business of an ordinary annual meeting.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 10th to the 20th May, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

Free cables
to the UK

Local residents who have relatives or friends in any of eight of the principal provincial cities of the United Kingdom will be able to exchange cables, free of charge, with them during the next eight months.

This concession has been made available by Cable and Wireless, Limited for the observation of "Colonial Week" in a number of big provincial cities in the United Kingdom.

The cities and the periods in which cables may be exchanged follow:
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Residents should look out for a cable from the United Kingdom beginning with the word "Colonial". If you get one you will know that it was sent without charge and that you can send a free reply on presentation of the original message at the Cable and Wireless Main Counter.

This scheme has been arranged between the Post Office in the United Kingdom and Cable and Wireless, Limited, Hong Kong as their joint contribution to the celebration of "Colonial Week" in the eight cities.

There will also be displays of Colonial art films and lectures. Those citizens of each city who have acquaintances in the Colonies will be invited to send them a GLT cable without charge. These cables will be delivered with invitations to send free replies.

PEAK TRAMWAYS
COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday 24th May 1956 at 12 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1956, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register and Transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 12th May to the 24th May 1956 both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON, LTD.
General Managers

Hong Kong, May 5, 1956.

NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the forty-first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 9th May 1956, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1955.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th April to 9th May 1956, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, April 14, 1956.

GOOD NEWS!

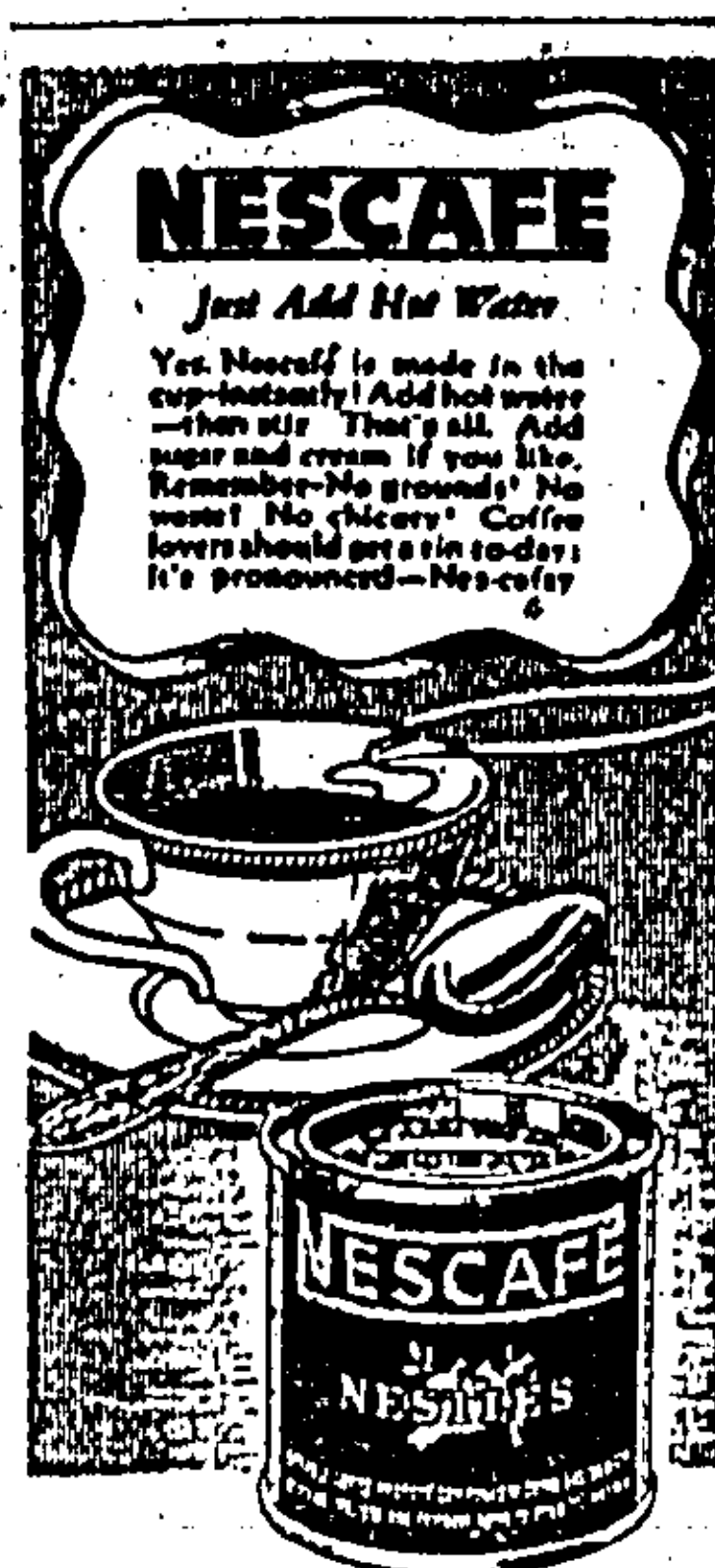
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MAY GAIN, CAN'T LOSE

MANY dealers are disheartened by extra tricks. That is all right if seeking them involves any risk of their contract. But if there is some way to seek an extra trick which involves no possible chance of loss, the decision should be clear-cut. Such an effort might gain, but couldn't lose. Failure to try it, whenever such a situation exists, can mean the loss of a considerable number of points over the span of a full season.

South: South. Neither side vulnerable.

South: West North East
Pass 1 S Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 D Pass 3 NT

North won the lead of the heart 3 to the singleton KC with his A and sent the 4 to the Q, whereupon East rattled off the diamond K, J, A and two more diamonds, followed by the club

A, K and Q and the heart J to

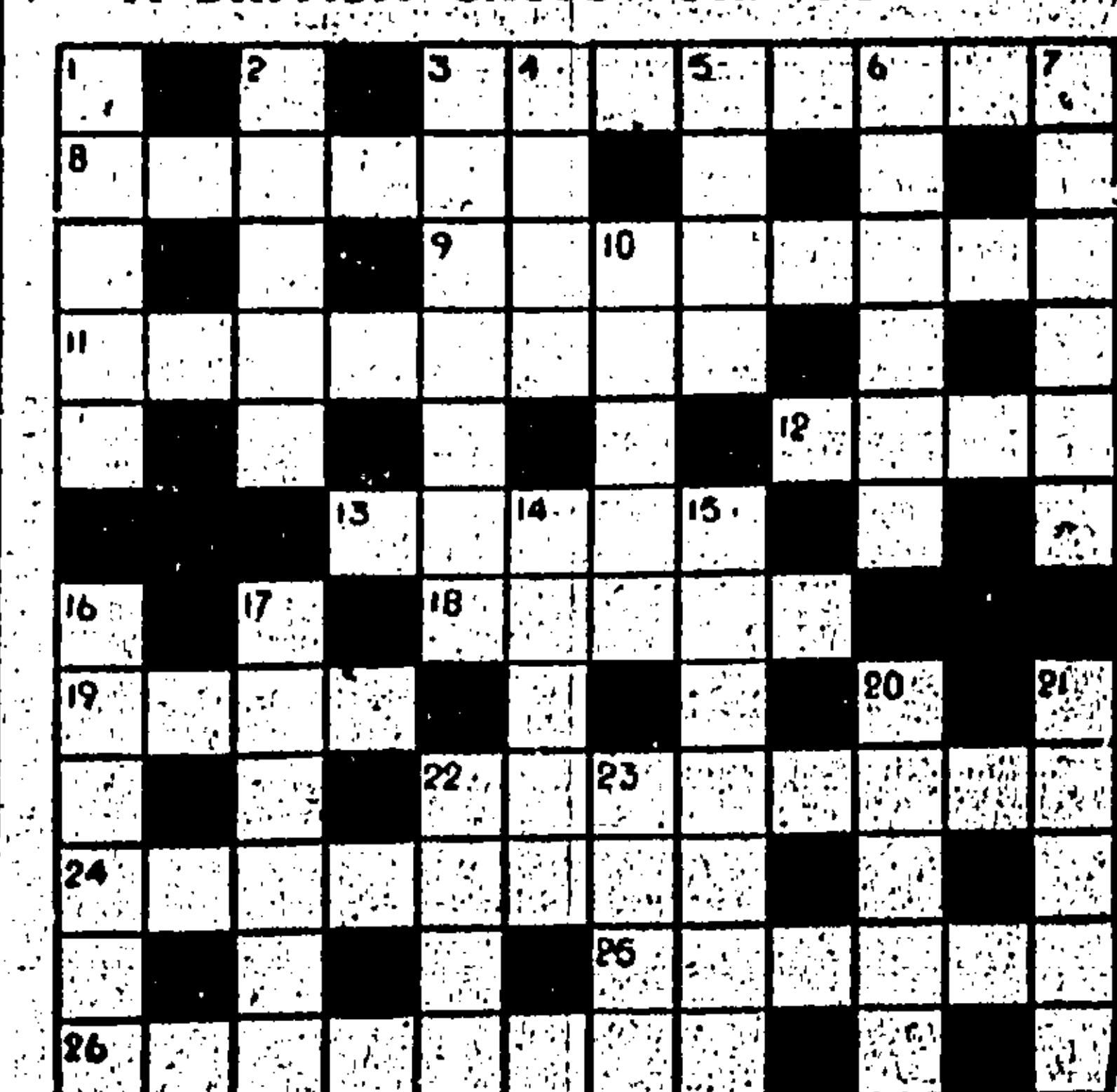
have ten tricks. Instead of one extra, East could have had two without any risk whatsoever, not even to the single extra trick. His chance to make the effort came immediately after winning the finesse of the diamond J on the fourth trick. If he refrained from taking the diamond A just then and switched to the club A, followed by a finesse of the 10, no danger would have been incurred.

At that stage, he still had hearts stopped with the J, and the spades would have been safe if he had lost the finesse of clubs to South, who would have had to lead up to the KC if he returned that major. When the club 10 finesse worked, he could have scored the club K and Q as well as the heart J and then re-entered the dummy with the diamond A to run the rest of the suit. That would have given him all of the tricks except the first one, which was lost to the heart A, and the last, given up in spades.

Your Week-End Question

When making an opening of your partner's bid suit against a trump contract, when would you lead the honour from three cards headed by the king or queen, and when would you prefer under-leading it?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Afflicts, 10 Ventured, 18 Dull-witted, 20 Trapped, 22 At work, 23 Contrive, 26 Perform duties.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Struggle, 7 Trout, 8 Rammed, 10 Fossil, 13 Footpad, 15 Pipe, 17 Rotated, 18 Decorum, 20 Adol., 21 Metastasis, 22 Ideas, 27 Alluring, 28 Extra, 29 Metastasis, 30 Phyllo, 31 Down—1 Blue, 2 Bono.

Down

1 Apply the mind to, 10 Wander about, 13 Disciplined, 16 Consider, 17 Kind of ticket, 20 Feathers, 21 Loathed, 22 Teeth, 23 Counsel.

Strip, 4 Also, 5 Gambit, 6 Eddied, 8 Alchemist, 11 Obed, 12 Stagnant, 13 Pile, 14 Pile, 15 Pile, 16 Pile, 17 Pile, 18 Pile, 19 Pile, 20 Pile, 21 Pile, 22 Pile, 23 Pile.

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RUSSIA BUILDING A "GIBRALTAR" ON ADRIATIC ISLAND

Rome May 4.
According to Albanian exiles in Italy, Russia is building a submarine and rocket base on an Adriatic isle only 50 miles East of Italy. They told the Associated Press that this "Red Gibraltar" is Saseno, a strategic isle off Albania's port of Valona. Craggy, cavernous Saseno is only two square miles in size but it commands the 50-mile-wide bottleneck between the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas.

A two-hour speedboat ride away is Otranto on the South Eastern tip of Italy. Through this narrow "Strait of Otranto" must pass all U.S. and British warships and other vessels bound to and from the important Anglo-American occupied port of Trieste at the head of the Adriatic.

The exiles are leaders of the anti-Communists Albanian National Independence bloc which has headquarters here. They claim some 300 members in Rome and publish a weekly newspaper, "Albanian Libre," which is circulated to 2,000 Albanians in Italy.

They have assumed Italian names for fear of possible reprisals against relatives still living in Communist-held Albania. Even in Rome, unidentified gunmen tried unsuccessfully last November to assassinate Ismail Verinel, a leading Albanian anti-Communist and publisher of "Albanian Libre."

From Albanians who escaped recently to Italy and Greece, the exile leaders pieced together this

picture of developments in Russia's tiny Balkan satellites: On Saseno, thousands of Soviet slave labourers are working day and night on huge submarine pens and rocket launching platforms for V-2 and other guided missiles. German military experts and engineers, captured during the war, are on Saseno with Soviet technicians to supervise the work.

Iron curtain

"Russian secret police have clamped an iron curtain around Saseno and the port of Valona nearby. Russian supplies and other materials arrive by sea in Soviet ships or by a Red airlift shuttling between Budapest, Sofia and Tirana, the land-locked capital of Albania."

From Tirana, the airlift supplies are transported 70 miles down an Italian-built highway to Valona.

A Soviet military mission numbering some 10,000 is attached to the staff of Ambassador Tchouvakine and has direct control over the Saseno project.

Meantime, Enver Hoxha, Albania's 30-year-old Premier, and his Interior Minister and Vice-Premier, Mehmet Shehu, are busy trying to keep the nation's anti-Communists in line. Shehu, often described as Albania's real strong man and possible candidate, to succeed Hoxha, is Moscow-trained. He has waged a number of ruthless purges since the Communists came to power in 1945.

At present, Shehu's force of 70,000 police and regular troops is battling 24 brigades of anti-Communist partisans entrenched in virtually impenetrable mountain strongholds in the North.

Financial chaos

The rebels are armed with left-over Italian and German arms. Some 6,000 or 7,000 of them carry automatic weapons. While their numbers are insufficient to threaten the Communists' hold on the country, they are a constant worry to Hoxha and his henchmen. In some localities between El Basen and Scutari near the Yugoslav frontier, the rebels are completely in control.

Elsewhere in Albania, thousands of citizens are passively hostile to Communist rule. The Communist Party itself claims only 27,000 members, only about four per cent of the nation's population of 1,100,000. Barely 18,000 others can be called Communist supporters.

The country's finances and economy are in chaos. Hunger and privation are on the increase. Even high-ranking Communists have accused Russia of abandoning Albania.

From early 1945 to November, 1948, Marshal Tito's Yugoslav agents controlled Albania. The two countries were economic and political allies. Democratic Albanians abroad feared outright

Yugoslav annexation of their homeland. Russia's sudden turn against Yugoslavia changed that and hours after the Cominform kicked Tito out the first planeload of Russian "supervisors" arrived to take over the situation.

Tight spot

Almost overnight, Tito pictures came down and Stalin pictures went up. Tito sympathisers were shot or gaoled by the hordes. Albania became a full-fledged Soviet puppet.

Walled off against the sea by a hostile Yugoslavia on the North and East and Greece on the South, Hoxha is in a tight spot. He must depend on Russian help or he is doomed. There are indications that sufficient Soviet help has not been forthcoming. Recently, Albanians appealed to their countrymen in the United States for aid. For the first time since Italy invaded Albania in April, 1939, and drove King Zog into exile, Albanians established a Legation in Rome. Hoxha's regime turned in desperation to Italy for food and materials and a resumption of pre-war trade.

Although Albania is Russia's smallest and most primitive satellite the Kremlin must reckon with the fighting spirit of the Albanians.

"Liberation will come again," said "Albanian Libre" in a recent editorial. "But Albanians fear that on the day the news agencies announce the great event, they will add: 'Operation successful, patient dead.'"—Associated Press.

THAILAND'S FATE IN THE STARS

Bangkok, May 4.
The fate of Thailand for a full year was outlined as extremely favourable by the former President of the Astrologers' Association of Thailand.

Chalermlert Chandratat reported in an interview that the stars forecast full aid assistance to the nation from abroad and no dangers to peace and order in any direction.

He says the Communists will infiltrate into Thailand in a minor degree. He expects unrest and disorders abroad in September, with some reaction here. Major unrest and disorders will be more distinct in China than the rest of the Orient.

Astrology is taken seriously in Thailand.—Associated Press.

Dot Lamour embarrassed by sarongs

Southampton, May 4.
The screen actress, Dorothy Lamour, said today that she wears a sarong only because her public wants her to. "Sometimes I feel embarrassed in a sarong," she told newsmen upon her arrival here, "but if the public wants it, they can have it. The sarong has certainly been very kind to me."

Miss Lamour will make her first appearance in Britain next week at the London Palladium. She brought along a red sarong, but will not wear it during her act. "I shall just sing," she said.—Associated Press.

SENATOR PRODUCES NEW ONE

Washington, May 4.
Senator Joseph McCarthy said today that a witness will tell the Senate Communist investigators that State Department personnel helped the magazine "Amerasia" ship atomic bomb secrets to Russia early in 1945.

Mr. McCarthy told a news conference that Frank Bielaski, a former Office of Strategic Services agent, will testify that State Department personnel were part of an espionage set-up.

The Republican Senator said Bielaski will testify that reports were discovered in the Amerasia office, which showed that six months before the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the people who operated "Amerasia" with the assistance of State Department personnel, were collecting and transmitting to Soviet Russia the secrets of the atomic bomb.

Bielaski conducted the first raid on the Amerasia office in March 1945.

Mr. McCarthy, who has charged that the State Department is infested with Communists, made this statement as Bielaski testified in secret before the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee.

President Truman today agreed to give the Senate Communist investigators the State Department's loyalty files on 81 persons whom Senator McCarthy has charged with being Communists, pro-Communists or bad security risks.

The President's decision was announced by the chairman of the investigating sub-committee, Senator Millard Tydings, who said that security files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not be made available but FBI material in the State Department would be turned over to his committee.—United Press.

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It would do a great deal to consolidate the whole area at a time when Russia has revived her ambitions in the direction of Constantinople and the Dardanelles, and is again hotting up the cold war against Iran.

It would also be a long stride toward peace between Israel and all the Arab States, who were defeated when it came to a test of arms and are treated with indifference if not contempt while they remain split up into petty and divided States. But all these things must in the end seek their fulfilment in peace between their old Israel and the only true guarantee of the stability and prosperity of the Middle East. It has already been

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN OPTIMISTIC OVER WORLD SITUATION

No fears of a shooting war with Soviet Russia

Washington, May 4.

President Harry Truman today tried to allay fears of a shooting war with Russia. He is not alarmed, he said, and the situation now is not nearly as bad as it was in the first half of 1946.

He thinks the world situation is improving, and while he may be an optimist, one has to be an optimist to be President of the United States. He spoke out at a news conference against a reorganised United Nations with Russia excluded, as suggested by the former President, Mr. Herbert Hoover, and said the United States will continue to support the United Nations as long as he is President. In most instances, the UN is working well, he added.

As if to point up his guarded optimism, he said the nation's defence budget for the year starting July 1, 1951 would be smaller than for the next fiscal year, now estimated at \$14,261,127,000.

The Administration's recent proposal to increase the defence appropriation by \$350,000,000 was but based on alarm, in any sense of the word, but was simply to give the United States an adequate defence.

PLANS TO DEVELOP INDONESIA

Jakarta, May 4.

Matthew Fox, the American financier who sank several hundred thousand dollars in the Indonesian revolution, will undertake an extensive programme of industrialisation, development and trade in the young United States of Indonesia.

Mr. Fox's office published these aims today following an announcement from the USI Premier, Mohammed Hatta, yesterday that the financier is welcome to go into business here on a non-exclusive basis.

Dr. Hatta explained that the controversial two-year-old contract between the original Indonesian Republic and Mr. Fox granting him a monopoly on Government trade had been annulled with the consent of both parties.

Dr. Hatta termed the contract a valuable political asset in the independence struggle.

Mr. Fox returned recently from the U.S. for the announced purpose of getting the projects for Indonesia in action.

The Government announced today that controlled civil communications had been reopened with Macassar, but the city's airport will remain under military control. The Central Government occupied the town two weeks ago after it had quelled the revolt.

Authoritative sources revealed that Central Government officials will meet soon with leaders of the Republic to try to settle disputes created by the Republic's attempts to absorb sister States in the USI.

Earlier the Central Government called a four-party conference that would have included representatives of East Sumatra and East Indonesia, but the Republic refused to take part. Now the Central Government is expected to represent the two States in talks with the Republic.—Associated Press.

Mr. Truman's optimism did not quite square with recent statements by his Defence chiefs. The Defence Secretary, Louis Johnson, in justifying the US\$350,000,000 increase for planes and warship modernisation, said the fall of China and other serious international events had caused a re-evaluation of America's defence plans.

And General Omar Bradley, in a new plea this week for extension of the draft, said recent world events add up to a very bad situation.

Mr. Truman's remarks began with a reply to a question about a statement by Senator Millard Tydings, Maryland Democrat, that this country is close to a shooting war with Russia.

Better than 1946

He said the Senator is unduly alarmed and then expressed his belief that the situation has improved over 1946.

While disagreeing with former President Hoover on a new UN without Russia, Mr. Truman said he complimented Mr. Hoover at the White House yesterday on his companion proposal that world moral force be strengthened. He added that he and the former Republican chief executive are perfectly friendly.

Replying to those who say the U.S. can no longer afford the Marshall Plan because of mounting deficits, he said this was the same old argument which has been made ever since the economic aid plan was started.

It is much cheaper than a shooting war, he continued. He repeated that the deficit was caused by failure of Congress to levy sufficient taxes to support Government needs and its commitments abroad.

There was nothing to the claim that every time there is a Stalin scare this country spends another billion for defence, and he reiterated that the current budget is as tight up it can be made.

Fears unfounded

Fears that the North West and Alaska may be written off in defence plans as expendable, as a reporter put it, are unnecessary and unfounded, the President said.

A reporter wanted to know whether White House mail recently has shown a growing concern among the people over Communism and whether Communism will be a factor in the coming elections. The President replied that the people are always uneasy about an organisation that believes in the overthrow of the United States by violence. He does not believe, he continued, there is any unusual trend in the direction mentioned by the questioner.

Meanwhile, a two-year extension of the military draft law was approved unanimously by the House of Representatives. The Armed Services Committee to-day.

The Committee voted 31 to 0 for the bill within the same hour that President Truman told his news conference that he does not

feel that the cold war is in danger of turning into a shooting war with Russia.

Strings attached

The Committee tied significant strings on the extension. Before there could be any actual induction of men, or before the President could mobilise industry and seize factories for defence, both Houses of Congress would have to agree on the existence of a national emergency justifying such steps.

The Chairman of the Committee, Senator Vinson, Georgia Democrat, said: "I will call up the bill for House action just as soon as they give us room."

The present selective service law is due to expire on June 24.—Associated Press.

Extradition demand by Indonesia

London, May 4.

A renewed demand by the Government of the United States of Indonesia for the extradition of Captain "Turco" Westerling has been received by the Government of Singapore, the Foreign Office confirmed today.

The demand is now in proper legal form, in accordance with a request made by the Governor of Singapore in reply to the original Indonesian request at the time of Westerling's arrival and arrest in Singapore.

Available here, the extradition demand was not accompanied by any supporting evidence. It will now be for the Governor to decide whether to convene the Singapore Court on the strength of the formal Indonesian request or whether to wait for supporting evidence from London before taking action.

It is up to the Court finally to establish whether the Anglo-Dutch extradition agreement is applicable to the present case and if so whether Westerling is covered by a provision dealing with political offences to which the agreement does not apply.

Local experts in London now incline to the opinion that the agreement is still valid but emphasise that the decisive ruling rests with the Singapore Court.—Reuter.

POLYGAMY OUT

Nicosia, May 4.

Polygamy and child marriages, both centuries-old customs among this British colony's Turkish community, were abolished today and Turkish women given the right to divorce. The new law, which follows the custom in Turkey today, was suggested by the Committee on Turkish Affairs, which was set up by Lord Winster, former Governor of Cyprus.—Reuter.

Voroshilov's mission to the Balkans

Berlin, May 4.

The anti-Bolshevik newspaper "Der Abend," in a private despatch dated Trieste, said today that the Politburo member, Marshal Clement Voroshilov, has been ordered to the Balkans on a secret mission.

His task, according to "Der Abend," is to speed up armament in the Balkan satellite states, standardise arms and insure that officer training emphasises loyalty to the Soviet Union.

The paper based its reports on information from political quarters in Sofia, Budapest and Bucharest.—United Press.

PROGRESS IN TALKS ON JAPAN

London, May 4.

The consultative committee on the Japanese peace treaty had a very successful session today.

The meeting, which is now being conducted by Mr. Maberly Denning, head of the Far Eastern Department in the Foreign Office, was attended by experts from the various Commonwealth High Commissions' offices. They reached agreement in principle on several important aspects of Commonwealth proposals for the Japanese peace treaty, which emerged from the Commonwealth conference at Colombo in January of this year.

Agreement has been reached on the question of membership of the eventual peace conference, which should include the members of the Far Eastern Commission, plus Ceylon and Indonesia.

The discussions are based on a Foreign Office memorandum embodying the proposals made at the Colombo conference, which the experts are dealing with step by step. Today's meeting also agreed that a clause dealing with the disposition of territories such as Taiwan and the Pescadore and Kurile Islands, must be written into the treaty.—United Press.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS

Berlin, May 4.

East Germany's Communist-dominated Government is going to expand the teaching in public schools that Jesus Christ never existed and the Bible is a collection of myths and sagas. State-owned printing presses are now running off the third edition of Soviet Professor A. V. Mishulin's anti-Christian textbook, "History of Antiquity."

Fifty-five thousand copies of this have been issued in the past year to public school teachers in all grades in the Russian zone for their guidance.

Thirty thousand more copies are to be ready for distribution in two weeks.

Church officials who have vigorously protested by letter and in person to the Government against public atheistic instruction of 3,000,000 young Germans, said their hopes of school reform were virtually exhausted.

The Communist "Fighting Minister" Otto Grotewohl, conferred with Catholic and Protestant representatives on April 28, but has made no move to continue these negotiations.—Associated Press.

Efforts to seat Peking in the United Nations

London, May 4.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the UN Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, trip to Moscow paralleled certain steps taken by Britain to end the deadlock in the UN Security Council.

Mr. Lie's avowed purpose is to find some formula on which the Russians and the West can agree so that the Communist nations will end the boycott of UN bodies which has almost paralysed the world body.

It has been known here that Britain has sounded out members of the Security Council in an effort to get a majority in favour of seating the Chinese Communists in place of the Nationalist Chinese delegates. The Soviet and satellite nations refuse to sit in UN groups where the Nationalist Chinese are represented.

Communist China has an even chance of displacing the Chinese Nationalist delegation when the United Nations' Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East opens its regional conference in Bangkok on May 26, according to diplomatic opinion in the Thai capital.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, told Mr. Lie last week that the Peking Government had appointed delegates to the ECAFE and asked that the Nationalist delegates be displaced as they were not qualified to take part in the conference. It is expected in Bangkok that when Communist China's claim for full membership comes before the Committee of the conference it will be put to a straight vote of the 13 member nations.

Of these, six, including Britain, India and Pakistan, have already recognised Peking. Nationalist China is the thirteenth.

Best chance

Thailand does not recognise Communist China at present, but Thailand Foreign Office sources indicate that Thailand might abstain on the question of Peking's admission to the ECAFE.

Foreign diplomats in Bangkok view the present application of China as the best opportunity so far of the new regime entering a United Nations body.

In Paris, senior United Nations executives called on all Governments today to make a great and sustained new effort to end the cold war.

The appeal was approved unanimously at a meeting of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination of the United Nations which comprises Mr. Lie as chairman, and the heads of all UN specialised agencies.

"The present division of the world and the increasingly serious conflicts of policy among the great powers have gravely impaired prospects for world peace," said the appeal. It added: "The peace and well-being of all peoples demands from their governments a great and sustained new effort by the nations of world to achieve a constructive and durable peace."

The statement was released at the end of the meeting in Paris of the Administrative Committee, after which Mr. Lie left for Holland, where he arrived tonight.

May see Stalin

Speaking in Amsterdam, Mr. Lie said he hoped to see Marshal Stalin personally during his visit to Moscow. He is leaving for Geneva on Saturday, going to Moscow from there.



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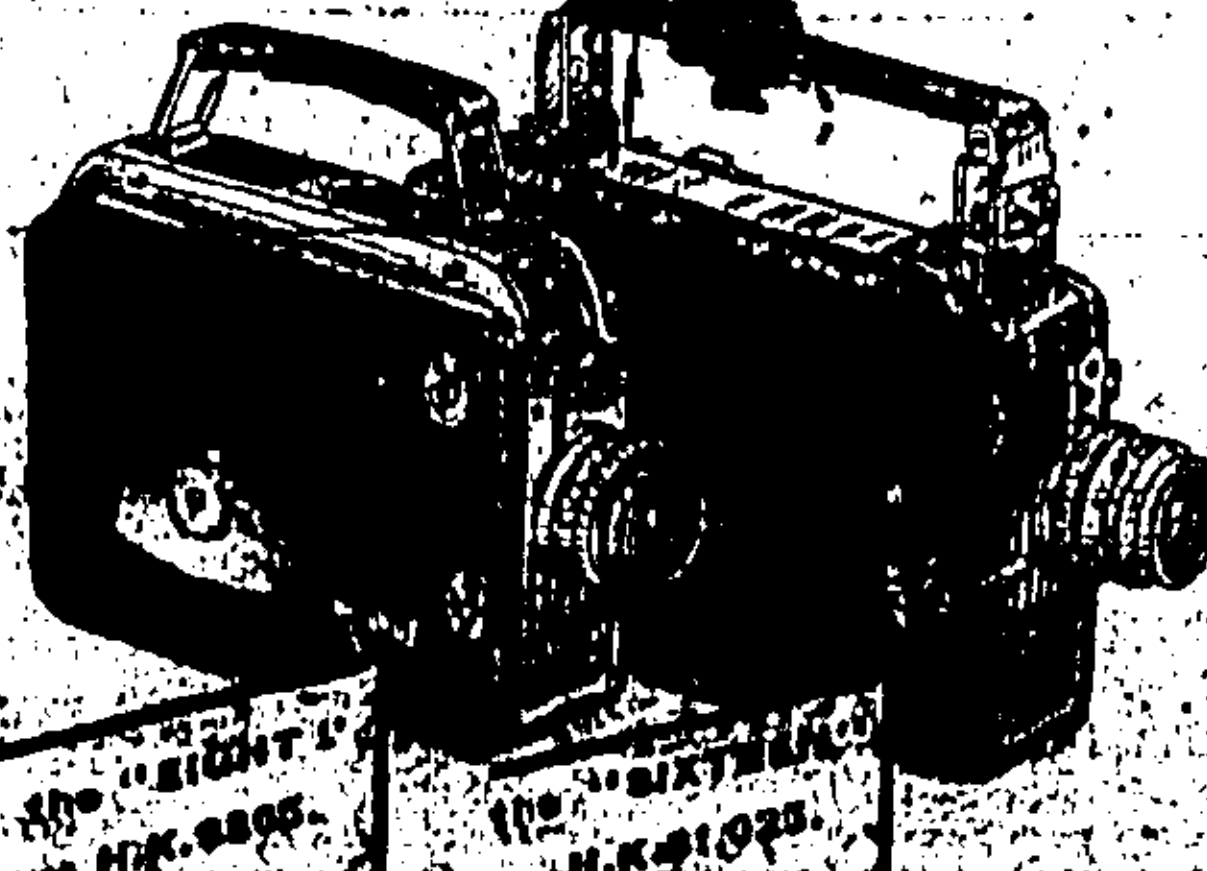
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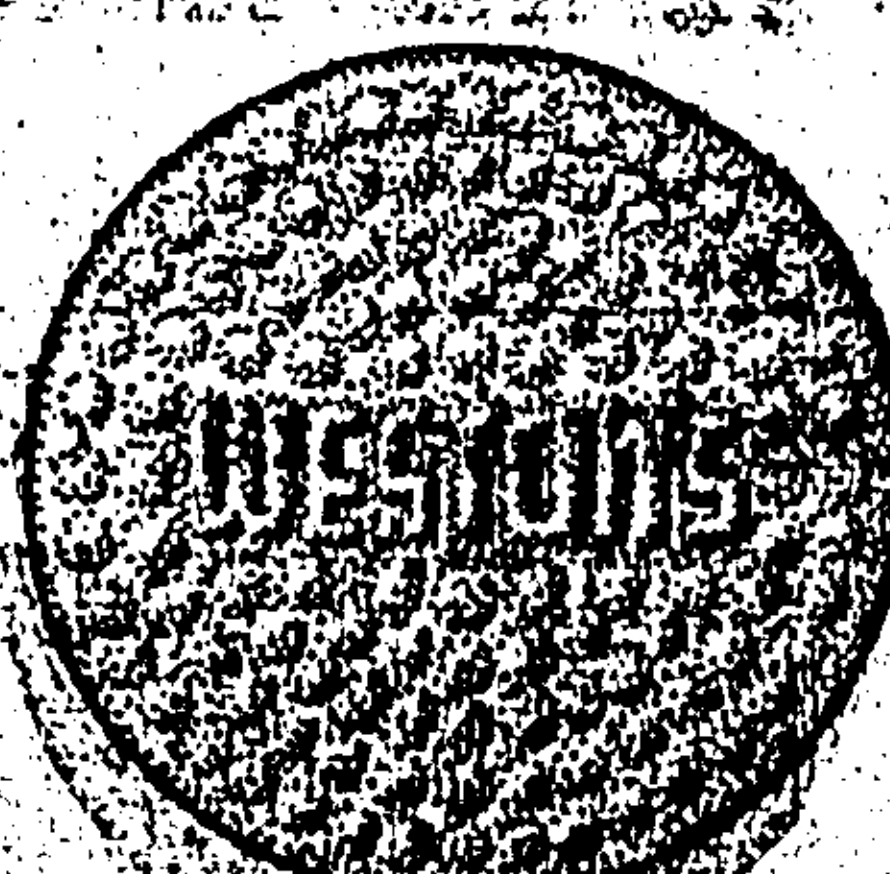


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Liaquat Ali Khan on Kashmir issue

Washington, May 4.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, told a Press conference here today that his Government would give all its assistance and co-operation to Sir Owen Dixon, the Australian jurist, who was recently appointed United Nations Mediator in the Kashmir dispute.

This assistance and co-operation would be given, he said, so that he might succeed in the important mission he had undertaken.

Replying to a question, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that Pakistan would abide by the will of the majority of the people of Kashmir provided that the plebiscite on accession of the State either to Pakistan or India was free and impartial.

Asked whether he would consider a plebiscite held under the direction of the United States Admiral Chester Nimitz, as free and impartial, the Prime Minister said that the Admiral had a high reputation and that any plebiscite held under him would be free and impartial.

Questioned about what he thought of the prospects for the settlement of the Kashmir problem in view of his recent talks with Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that they held general talks on Kashmir but they did not make much progress on this specific question.

He added he hoped that there would be further talks which would mean greater trade between the two countries.

Asked if he would ask for American economic aid, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said he was interested in the economic development of his country and would welcome any assistance.

No Red throat

He was also asked if he anticipated fostering closer relations with the West. He replied, "We already have close relations. I hope that my visit will bring our two countries closer together."

Asked whether Pakistan had a Communist problem, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan replied, "Every country has Communists. But there is no Communist threat of any importance in Pakistan because Moslems have their own way of life, and, as such, other ways of life are not likely to find fertile ground in Pakistan."

Questioned on Afghanistan's claim to areas lying West of the River Indus on the North West Frontier of Pakistan, the Prime Minister said that his difficulty was that he did not know what the so-called dispute was about.

"We have no dispute. Afghanistan is a Moslem country and our neighbour, and we want to be on friendly terms with it. We wish progress and prosperity to Afghanistan," he said.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan reiterated that he was at a loss to understand what Afghanistan wanted and later added, "I would not give one inch of Pakistan to anybody."

He explained that Afghanistan had no claim to any part of Pakistan because the people of the North West Frontier had joined Pakistan freely through a referendum.

Islamic group

About the grouping of Islamic countries, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan declared that he was anxious that they should come closer together.

"These Islamic countries have a contribution to make to the people of the world," he said.

"We had an Islamic economic conference in Karachi last year and we are hoping that there will be closer collaboration in economic matters."

He parried a question about President Truman's Point Four

Programme for under developed countries by saying, "I am hoping Point Four will now adopt some concrete form."

The Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, who sat next to her husband during the Press conference, was asked what was her principal interest in her visit to the United States.

She replied, amidst laughter, "My principal interest is to see the women of America. But I don't seem to be able to see many of them here."

Later, however, she met American women journalists separately.

The Press conference was held at Prospect House, the United States Government's guest residence.

Before the conference began, the Prime Minister and the Begum Liaquat Ali Khan were photographed for more than 10 minutes by Press photographers and newsreel cameramen.

Addresses to Congress

United States legislators rose to their feet and cheered as Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan addressed first the Senate, then the House in a heavy, 14-hour list of engagements on his second day in America.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan stood on the Capitol Hill rostrum where the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, stood last October, and made an appeal for peace and progress.

The Prime Minister introduced himself to Federal legislators with a statement of Pakistan policy. He declared that peace was essential for progress but progress was no less essential for peace.

"As peace and war today are indivisible, so is progress, and in its name we offer our goodwill to all nations, great and small, and earnestly ask for theirs."

"We have kept steadily before us the principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice as enunciated by Islam."

"There is no room for theocracy, for Islam stands for freedom of conscience, condemns coercion, has no priesthood and abhors the caste system."

At his first American Press conference, which began a day of 11 engagements, the Prime Minister said that Pakistan wanted to arm itself with the most modern equipment available because of its very important strategic position.

Throughout the day the Prime Minister and the Begum Liaquat Ali Khan hardly moved without an entourage of correspondents and officials.

Among the Prime Minister's 11 engagements were visits to United States Army chiefs, including the Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, and General Omar Bradley and his Chiefs of Staff.

Three strongest interests

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan declared in another speech today that Pakistan's three strongest interests were her integrity, her culture, and "our desire, and indeed, dire need, for economic development."

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America's leading newspaper correspondents, radio commentators and columnists were gathered.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that anxiety over Indo-Pakistan relations was shared by both the Governments.

The foremost among matters in dispute between the two countries was Kashmir.

"There is luckily the international agreement between Pakistan and India that the question of Kashmir's accession to India or Pakistan be decided by a free and impartial plebiscite. By this we stand."

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan also expressed anxiety over the inordinate delay that had taken place in holding the plebiscite.

The Pakistan Prime Minister referred to other disputes such as the canal waters and the position of minorities and said that a relationship of mutual confidence between India and Pakistan was essential for the peace of Asia and the world.

He said that his peoples feel a natural affiliation with other Muslim countries and were keenly interested in the progress and development of the Middle East.

"When I talk of our friendship for the Middle East countries," he said, "I do not wish you to infer that I am talking in terms of any power bloc."

"I am merely talking of the natural and religious links, the common culture and the identity of economic outlook," he said.

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Altogether the British are doing themselves proud this week. Sir Basil Brooke, the Prime Minister of Ulster, who was going to get the brush-off, is knee-deep in bouquets.

Why? Because he is aggressive, witty, and blunt. He hasn't come begging and flatterer—he has come out punching, reminding his American audiences of a few debts the United States owes to Britain. He has glorified the British Commonwealth and paid tribute to the Crown.

His visit has done as much for Britain as all the missions of Bevin, Cripps, Shawcross, and lesser Labour lights.

Mired in trouble

Only the Mayor of New York, William O'Dwyer, sulks in his City Hall. Or perhaps the mayor has too many problems of his own. He is mired in trouble.

The world's wealthiest city is unquestionably the world's dirtiest, says the New York Herald-Tribune. It is.

The town is filthy; it is littered with torn paper, chocolate wrappers, cardboard boxes, cigarette cartons, cigar butts, chewing gum, bits of food, broken bottles, and soiled containers. Its avenues and side-streets are gashed with holes and trenches.

Manhattan is in a mess and knows it. Clergymen pronounce "The shame of our city" from the pulpit—and the public groans.

New York is also wrestling with other, perhaps bigger, headaches. Drug addiction in the city has reached the crisis stage.

Consumption of marijuana and heroin has increased 40 per cent since the war, and youths and girls are the worst narcotic addicts. This figure is authoritative, says me. I never see any drugged people.

Yet when Jimmy Jones, Britain's best police-court reporter, was here for the London Evening News he told me he was aghast at the number of drug addicts he had seen in the dock.

He said it was a big story that had not been told. Now it is out in the open.

Not all the New York news is bad. I am cheered at the brave show of our independence. New Yorkers are displaying towards the foreigner a new spirit.

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vate lives detailed on public papers. Actually, only half the 6,000,000 population have bared all and many of them have shopped back to the census-takers.

"While we are talking about salaries, just how much do you earn, Bud?"

The citizens are sensitive about money, and no wonder. It now costs two dollars, 50 cents (about 18s) to get your car legally washed in well water, 7s. 6d. for a haircut, 21s to have a medical check-up.

It must be the price of all the rain-inducing operations. Americans have been spending water like money. And all New York got for its troubles was an unreasonable snowstorm.

In the personality parade the familiar famous names make headlines.

General Eisenhower looks more and more like a Presidential candidate. Frank (I am the Law) Hague tries to restore the shattered political machine. In New Jersey, Mike Jacobs, the boxing promoter, says he is tired of his lonely life in his castle, counting his millions and longing for the sawdust and the sound of the goings, and Kathleen Winsor moves up the best-seller lists.

Her "Star Money" may even repeat the success of her "Forever Amber." It sizzles with sex.

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And "You can make a lotta money selling the public love—very little retail, but plenty wholesale."

More wholesale than whole some, "Star Money" should make a lot of money.

Another book being grabbed by clients is "How to Play Better Tennis," by William Tilden.

He says: "Gertrude Moran, or 'Gorgeous Gussie,' is the really brilliant star in the drab and dull sky of women's tennis." And he isn't talking about her lace pants.

Lunatic hats

Women's hats get more lunatic. Some women have been wearing stuffed mice on their heads and stuffed monkeys on straw. Next—bats in the belfry.

The black-and-white idea has caught on again—most fashionable colour combination.

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Hints on care of fire extinguishers.

Portable fire extinguishers on premises need frequent testing and periodic re-charging. Unless the extinguishers are looked after carefully, they may be useless when a fire breaks out.

Here are some notes regarding care and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers issued by the Fire Offices Committee Fire Protection Association in London:

Portable fire appliances should not be removed from their allotted positions. The provision of brackets, shelves or base blocks will help to make it evident when any are missing from their proper places.

Extinguishers should be re-charged immediately after use and one refill for every extinguisher should be kept always available for this purpose.

Inspection and testing by the manufacturers or other qualified persons is recommended, as periodic reconditioning and pressure-testing of the outer containers can then be included. The date of inspection should be indelibly recorded on a label securely attached to the extinguisher.

The regular inspection and periodic discharge of each extinguisher as recommended will provide a suitable opportunity for thorough examination and the testing of samples to a hydraulic test of 350-lbs. a square inch. Such a pressure test should be carried out at least every five years. The periodic discharge of extinguishers can usefully be combined with demonstrations and training.

Soda acid extinguishers

Soda acid extinguishers should be kept properly filled up to, but not above the waterline. After use they should be thoroughly washed out before re-charging. Care should be taken to protect all movable parts from corrosion and to see that they are not so tight as to restrict operation, or so loose that they allow gas to escape.

Soda acid extinguishers generally retain their efficiency for several years without re-charging but they should be inspected once a year particular care being taken to ensure that the nozzle, hose (if any), and discharge tube are in good condition and perfectly free from obstruction and corrosion and 20 per cent should be tested by discharge each year in rotation so that every extinguisher is discharged at least once every five years. Inspection should include examination of the acid and alkali charges, the solution level, the plunger and also the container and orifice.

Water (gas expelled) extinguishers require the same general maintenance and periodic discharge as the soda acid extinguishers. Where the CO₂ gas is stored as a liquid under high pressure the cylinder needs inspection every five years.

Where it is stored as a gas under lower pressure it needs inspection every year. In the case of steel containers particular care should be taken to examine for corrosion especially at the water line.

The contents of both the inner and outer containers of the types of foam extinguishers must be maintained at the correct level. Care should be taken to ensure that all moving parts are working properly and that the nozzle is not obstructed in any way.

Foam extinguishers should be examined every six months and 50 per cent should be tested by discharge every year, in rotation, so that every extinguisher is discharged at least once every two years.

There is no visible check on the state of the contents of carbon dioxide extinguishers and they should be weighed at least once a year. If any leakage, as indicated by loss of weight, is detected, the extinguishers should be sent for recharging.

Continual loss of contents by evaporation is a serious problem with carbon tetrachloride extinguishers. They should be inspected at intervals not exceeding one month so that any losses from this cause may be made good.

The strainer of portable pumps should be kept clean. A little grease should be kept on the pump rod, the nozzle should be kept clean and screwed home and the connection of the hose to the pump be kept sound.

Care should also be taken to see that any ball valves do not become fixed through lack of use. Portable pumps should be kept filled with water and they should be tested at intervals of approximately one month by being put into use. The water container should be examined for rusting and corrosion.

Dominion status for Rhodesia?

Salisbury, May 4.
A self-governing British Colony, Southern Rhodesia is to get a Select Committee to consider amending the Constitution with a view to Dominion status.

Parliament decided on this after the Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, had said, "I am satisfied we are not ready yet for Dominion status. The time for that will be when the European population is about 250,000 (it is now 100,000), but by all means get it."

"By Dominion status we mean a sovereign independent State, a member of the British Commonwealth acknowledging the King as its head."

—Reuter.

SWEDISH PROTEST TO RUSSIA

Stockholm, May 4.
Sweden is to protest to the Soviet Government against the seizure of two Swedish fishing boats by Russian warships about 30 sea miles from the Polish coast in February.

They were held for 13 days in a Russian port and not allowed to communicate with the Swedish authorities.

Denmark is expected to protest against similar acts against Danish fishing boats.—Reuter.

ANOTHER FRUITLESS MEETING ON AUSTRIA

London, May 4.
The four-power deputies discussing the Austrian Peace Treaty today adjourned their meeting, which was called by the Soviet delegate, Mr. George Zarubin, without reporting any progress.
They will meet again on May 22.

Mr. Sam Reber, of the United States, accused Mr. Zarubin of confusing the discussions by raising the question of Trieste. Mr. Zarubin had repeated Russia's charges that Britain and the United States were turning Trieste into a naval base.

The Western deputies described this move as improper, irrelevant, a red herring and frivolous.

The deputies adjourned after a fruitless session until May 22, the date originally proposed by the Western Powers before Mr. Zarubin summoned today's meeting. They did not discuss any article of the Treaty still unagreed or the latest Soviet amendment proposed to Article 9 on denazification.

Mr. Zarubin claimed the Western Powers were violating four-power agreements by failing to ensure denazification and demilitarisation in Austria.

The British chairman, Mr. Ivor Mallet, had asked Mr. Zarubin

whether he had any proposals as he had called the meeting.

Mr. Zarubin replied that he wanted a discussion on a Soviet amendment to Article 9 calling for stricter denazification in Austria on the ground that Austria had violated the present system. After that, he wished to start on the unagreed articles of the Treaty.

Mr. Mallet said he could only conclude that the Soviet amendment (was an attempt to) distract attention from Russia's failure to make progress in the negotiations with Austria on Article 48, which was holding up the Treaty.

It was in Soviet hands to settle the Treaty by settling Article 48, which concerns payment by Austria for services and supplies rendered by the Soviet Union.

Mr. Zarubin accused the Western delegates of obstructing the Treaty, and then brought forward the Trieste issue as a further allegation of the Western Powers' failure to implement the four-power decision on denazification.—Reuter.

REFORM PLAN IN CANBERRA

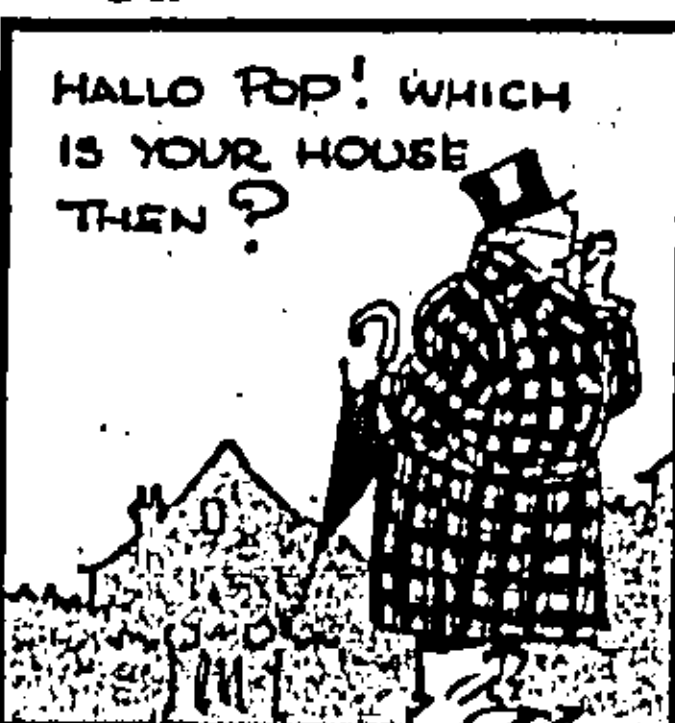
Canberra, May 4.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, today introduced in Parliament a constitutional amendment to ensure that the majority Party—at present his own Conservative Coalition—will control both the Upper and Lower House after a double dissolution.

Mr. Menzies himself has forecast an early double dissolution if the Labour-controlled Senate rejects any important part of his drastic anti-Communist Bill—and the Labour Party announced today that it intends doing just that.

Labour also intends using its Senate majority to block the Conservative bill repealing bank nationalisation laws brought by Labour three years ago.

The new bill provides for a change in the method of electing Senators after a double dissolution which, in Mr. Menzies' own words, will make it strongly probable that the Party which wins in the Lower House will also have a majority in the Upper House.—Reuter.

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9.10—Weather Report

9.11—Sports Results, (Studio)

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UN still backing the Arab League

London, May 4.

Britain continues to favour existence of the Arab League in preference to splitting up of the Arab world into a number of groups.

This attitude was motivated largely by the consideration that the alternative to the Arab League might be a splitting into conflicting camps.

Britain's priority interest at present in the Middle East is described authoritatively as stability first in the interest of the area and in that of Western overall security. The prospects of establishing such stability are held to be greater if unity can be maintained among the Arab countries, to be followed by agreement between them and Israel. These considerations are motivated by the fact that a settlement in the Middle East between the United Arab front and Israel rather than between individual Arab States and the Israel Government.

Official sources point to the present hostile attitude of the majority of Arab States to Israel and fear that agreement by one Arab State with Israel might result, in present circumstances, in splitting of the Arab world to the detriment of security in the whole area.

Official quarters indicate that the changing attitude of the British Government, as expressed by the recent recognition of Jordan's annexation and of Israel, reflects Britain's modified policy of realism in the Middle East and it is expected to find increasing recognition on both sides directly involved in the Middle East conflict.

Meanwhile, no notification has yet been received by the Foreign Office from the Yemen Government that a Yemenite delegation is to visit London early next month to discuss matters of interest between the two countries. Questions at issue are said to involve the frontier line with Aden and diplomatic representation. At present a diplomatic channel is provided by the Governor of Aden.

Anglo-American Co-operation

"A 'Daily Telegraph' report from Cairo today stressed that recognition by both Britain and the United States of enlarged Jordan was considered as the first concrete example of Anglo-American co-operation in Middle East policy.

The report claimed that signs are accumulating that Egypt herself, tired of attempting to be the boss and butt of so many small factious States, will eventually seek new political horizons and advantages from closer association, as a considerable power in the Mediterranean, with the Western democracies."

Referring to the recognition of Jordan, the Telegraph's report added: "The joint British and American action appears to have resolved at least one situation on which the stability of the Arab-Middle East has long been hanging precariously."

The 'Daily Graphic' reported that Saudi-Arabia has decided to enlarge and modernise her army

CAROL IN UK

London, May 4.
Former King Carol of Rumania and his wife, the former Madame Lupescu, arrived in Britain tonight to attend the International Stamp Exhibition in London. They will be the guests at the Stamp Day dinner given by dealers and other experts at the Savoy Hotel in London on May 6.—Reuter.

Washington, May 4.
The Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives voted today to extend conscription for another two years. The present Selective Service Act is due to expire on June 4.—Reuter.

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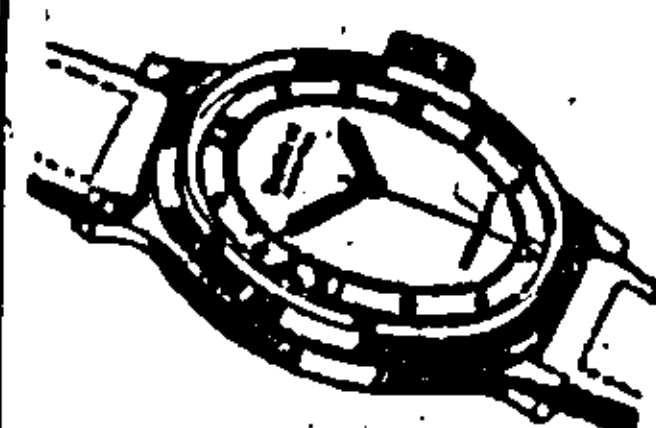
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Soccer:

CHINESE TO MEET SERVICES
IN VICTORY SHIELD FINAL

Dunlop Golf:

Charles Ward
takes over
leadership

London, May 4. When the third round of the Dunlop professional golf tournament ended on the Wentworth Club's Course at Virginia Water, Surrey, today, the field was further reduced for the final two rounds tomorrow. 46 professionals and one amateur being left for the last day's play.

They all had aggregates of 228 or better with the lead now in charge of the diminutive Charles Ward at 210.

There is still a strong international flavour to the event as Bobby Locke (South Africa), with 217, Ossie Pickworth (Australia) with 217, and four of the five players entered from Continental clubs were among the survivors.

Art Clark (United States) with 233, and G. de la Hogue (The Hague) with 235, who both scored high failed to survive.

This was the third time in the three rounds so far played that the lead had changed hands. Master golfer last year Ward was right back in form today when he went round the difficult West Course in 68, more than make up his arrears of yesterday.

Royal Air Force
Athletic Meet

The Royal Air Force Athletic Meeting will be held at Kaitak today.

The first event will start at 1.45 p.m.

The sports will be run on an inter-section basis and will include all RAF Units in the Colony and also the Auxiliary Air Force.

The chief judge will be the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore A. D. Davies, CBE, who will be assisted by Group Captain J. Worrall, DFC, and Wing Commander W. A. Nel DSO, DFC, as chief track and field judges respectively.

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(By "ROVER")

Two interesting soccer matches are down for decision over the week-end, with the final game in the Victory Shield Competition between the Hong Kong Chinese FA XI and Combined Services at Caroline Hill taking the spotlight today.

Tomorrow, at 5 p.m., a local Schoolboy XI will be seen in action on the Royal Navy ground at Causeway Bay against the Saigon Schoolboys, who are passing through the Colony on their way to Manila.

As a curtain raiser to this game, the St. Joseph's College 2nd XI will meet the Government Vernacular School in a play-off for the Junior School title.

The Victory Shield Competition game should witness a keen tussle between two evenly matched teams, with the odds slightly in favour of the Combined Services.

The first match in this Competition, which was played at Boundary Street, resulted in a 6-1 victory for the Services.

On Sunday last, the Chinese, strengthened by the inclusion of several "stars," managed to beat the Services by three clear goals at Causeway Bay, although on the run of the play, a win for the Services would have been a fairer result.

In that match, the Services were badly let down by their forwards, whose finishing was deplorably weak.

Two changes

For today's game, the Services have made two changes—both in the forward line.

Highton has been brought in as leader of the attack, while Captain E. Woods of the Army has taken over the right wing berth.

Highton, who packs a very powerful wallop behind his kick, is a very forceful and clever player, he is an ideal leader and his presence in the Service forward line should give it that punch which was missing last week.

Both Spears and Daley, who were the most outstanding forwards in the Service team last week, should again prove a thorn in the side of the Chinese. E. Woods, who comes in on the right wing, can be relied upon to give a good account of himself, while Weaver, who retains his position as outside-left, will also need careful watching.

Wise move

The Services have not made any changes in their defence. This is a very wise move, as all the defenders played a grand game last week.

Barber, the pivot, was particularly impressive; he was tigerish in his tackling and was more than a match for the Chinese inside trio.

The Chinese will be without their "stars" for this match, as the latter left yesterday with the Sing Tao team on its South Sea tour.

The duties of custodian will be taken over by diminutive Tam Woon-cheuk, who is a very reliable goalie and fully merits his inclusion in the team.

Of the two backs, Tam Chun-fai is definitely more steady than Fok Yiu-wah, who possesses the experience but lacks the stamina and speed necessary to cope with the fast moving Service attack.

Wong Hing-yuk will be occupying the pivotal position, with Tang Sum and Tam Woon-cheuk supporting him on his flanks.

These three players are from Kowloon Motor Bus and possess a very good understanding of each other's play. The brunt of the defensive work is expected to fall on their shoulders.

Not impressive

Ko Po-keung will again be leading the Chinese attack. Ko was not very impressive last week and was inclined to spoil many good movements by getting offside. He should learn to use his brains a little more instead of dashing about like a mad horse.

Lee Chun-fat and Tong Sheung will be the two inside men supporting Ko, while Lau Sheung and Mok Chun-wah be seen on the right and left wing respectively.

There was too much individual play by the Chinese forwards last week. If the Chinese forward line of today is to meet with any measure of success, it is essential that the players strike up an understanding.

As there is no indication as to the strength of the Saigon schoolboy team which will be arriving here tomorrow, it is difficult to make any comments regarding the game.

Those in charge of the selection of the Hong Kong Schoolboy XI—have left—nothing to chance, but have selected a team which can be depended upon to uphold the prestige of local soccer.

In view of the fine displays given by the two Hong Kong Schoolboy teams which visited Manila, supporters of the local lads can look forward with confidence as to the outcome of tomorrow's game.

The following are the teams for today's Victory Shield game, which will commence at 3 p.m. and which will be played at Caroline Hill:

Combined Services: Chisholm (Royal Navy), Thompson (Stonecutters), Philpotts (Belstaff), Deane (Jamaica), Barber (H.Q.E.), Townley (RAF), Captain E. Woods (Army), Spears (Tamar), Highton (42 Cdo), Daley (Jamaica) and Weaver (45 Cdo).

Reserves: Merrick (45 Cdo), Russell (Army), Hunt (40 Cdo), Butler (RAF), Davies (42 Cdo).

H.K. Chinese FA: Tam Woon-cheuk (Kowloon Wah), Fok Yiu-wah (S. China), Tam Chun-fai (KMB), Tang Sum (KMB), Hung Hing-yuk (KMB), Tam Woon-cheung (KMB), Lau Sheung (S. China), Lee Chun-fai (KMB), Ko Po-keung (S. China), Tong Sheung (S. China), Mok Chun-wah (Eastern), Suen Po-oh (Eastern), Lui Shu-ping (CAA), Chan Kam-pui (CAA), Chu Wing-wah (S. China) and Chung King-sang (Kwong Wah).

Referee: Mr. L. G. Young.

SING TAO SOCCER PLAYERS LEAVE

Twenty-two soccer players of the Sing Tao Sports Club left for Manila by Air Carriers yesterday.

The players will play against teams in Manila, Singapore, Medan and other cities throughout Malaya.

They are expected to be away from the Colony for about 20 days.

Mr. Ng Kay-um is accompanying the team as manager.

HOCKEY RESULT

Club de Reunion "A" trounced YMCA by eight goals to one in a hockey fixture at King's Park yesterday.

Trials and selection for the Hong Kong Hockey team will be held at King's Park today.

Golf:

G.G.D. Carter's fine
performance under
most trying conditions

Although reports indicated that conditions were bad for the qualifying rounds of the recently completed English Amateur Championship at Deal, local golfers might be interested to hear a first hand account just received from Mr. G. G. D. Carter who only just failed to qualify.

On the opening day of the qualifying rounds, a gale warning was hoisted on the local coast-guard house and early starters had to contend with a bitterly cold wind.

The course itself was playing very long (Standard Scratch Score 77) and some holes were rated at par 6 under the conditions!

During the round there were two hailstorms and two rainstorms.

Mr. G. G. D. Carter was out in 43, which must be considered good going under the prevailing conditions and the fact that competitors were playing into the teeth of the wind for the first nine holes.

Mr. Carter started home 6.8, taking 3 putts at each of these holes and this appears to have been his downfall.

Completing the last 9 holes in 44 gave him a score of 67 which was no doubt a very reasonable performance under the circumstances.

He returned a card of 82 for the second round giving him a total of 149. The highest score of the 32 players to qualify out of 147 entrants was 163.

Mr. Carter represented Stow in the Public Schools Halford Hewitt Cup the previous week-end and they were only beaten in the final by Rugby.

It is hoped that he will have better luck for the British Amateur Championship which is being played at St. Andrews from May 22 to May 27.

Starting times

The following are the starting times on the Old and New Courses at Fanling today and tomorrow:

Today—Old Course

2.15 L. L. Shaw—T. A. Butler.

Tomorrow—Old Course

9.10 S. E. Van Nostrand—H. Ayres.

9.20 W. E. Menefee—R. Crawford.

9.24 J. M. Voss—J. W. Clague.

9.28 H. V. Yergin—D. Anderson.

9.32 N. A. Gorman—F. Wallace.

9.36 P. M. McDonnell—P. M. Cotton.

9.40 W. Stoker—W. H. Paterson.

9.44 R. K. Coombs—P. B. Arkcoll.

9.52 H. M. Snow—W. N. Gray.

9.52 W. Birtwhistle—K. M. Almas.

9.56 P. J. Gibbons—R. S. Anderson.

10.00 L. L. Shaw—C. E. Hayes.

10.04 K. T. Walden—A. B. Coleman.

10.08 A. R. de Pinna—A. Lopes.

10.12 R. D. Bell—H. F. Gardner.

10.20 P. W. Atkinson—H. May.

Tomorrow—New Course

9.16 J. Pote-Hunt—W. N. A. Smalley.

9.24 C. W. Stabb—W. Yoxall.

9.32 Mrs. F. D. Hunter—Mrs. S. Rudloff.

9.56 Mrs. K. M. Almas—Mrs. W. P. Birtwhistle.

10.44 F. de Jong—J. Bldon.

10.52 Mr. and Mrs. M. Ubachs.

Lawn Bowls League
season starts today

(by "JACK-HIGH")

The 1950 Lawn Bowls League season will commence today, with a full programme of matches in all three Divisions of the League.

Nine teams have entered in the First Division, eight in the Second and seven in the Third making a total of 24 teams.

Hong Kong Football Club, who last year had a team in the Second Division, will be participating in the First Division this season.

W. V. Field, who was for many years a leading member of the Craighower Cricket Club and of the Filipino Club, will be piloting a rink in the Football Club team. N. J. Bebbington, another veteran will also be seen in action.

To come to today's opening league matches, some good games are expected.

In the First Division, four close encounters should be seen.

Craighower will be without the services of at least six of last year's bowlers.

By virtue of their having green advantage, Kowloon Docks should just about succeed in winning.

Kowloon Cricket Club will be at home to Hong Kong Football Club.

Not so formidable

Although KCC have lost the services of several of their leading players and are consequently not so formidable as they were last year, they should manage to beat the Football Club by a narrow margin.

Recreio "Blue" are holding a very strong team and should have no difficulty in winning on all rinks in their match against Police Recreation Club.

Recreio "White" will find the Indian Recreation Club a very tough proposition. The Indians should succeed on at least two rinks.

The Stanley team is not as strong as it was last year. The Indians will have the advantage of playing at home, they should succeed in beating their visitors.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Tai Koo Dock Club and Kowloon Cricket Club are also likely to have a very tough time.

Recreio "Green" Recreation Club should succeed in beating the Stanley team.

Home cricket:

Bedser twins in good form
for Surrey against MCC

London, May 4.

The Bedser twins were in good form for Surrey against the MCC today, Alec taking three wickets for 22 and Eric scoring 61 in Surrey's second innings.

Alec took his three wickets during a final spell with the new ball in which he did not concede a run. Eric batted two hours and 20 minutes and hit six fours.

Other good scores by John Parker and Harry Constable helped Surrey to gain a lead of 307 with five wickets in hand by the end of the day.

Parker's 91 included two sixes and 10 fours, and Constable, who made a century yesterday, hit two sixes and five fours in his 70.

J. H. Wardle, Yorkshire's left-arm bowler, took five wickets for 55, but the University claimed first innings lead.

Two South Africans made good scores for the University. D. C. Chandler getting 54 and Murray Hofmeyr 47. With Blake (68), Hofmeyr shared a three-figure partnership for the second wicket.

Warwickshire finished 284 runs ahead of Hampshire with two second innings wickets in hand in

Run out

Hampshire's last man, C. H. Knott, was run out trying for a quick single.

Eric Hollies, former England slow bowler, took four for 48 for Warwickshire, and Horace Doherty (50), A. Townsend (44) and R. Spooner (57) batted soundly in the second innings.

Cyril Washbrook, the England opening batsman, scored 84 and the Australian, Ken Grieves, scored 88 for Lancashire against Sussex in the other County match, enabling them to declare their first innings closed at seven wickets down with a lead of 67 runs.

Lancashire started their innings laboriously, but after lunch lived up to the pace.

John Lawrence, the Somerset leg-break and googly bowler, took five for 40 against Glamorgan, Harold Gimblett followed up his century yesterday for Somerset by getting 54 in their second innings.

Close of play scores

Close of play scores today were: At Lord's: Surrey 284 and 270 for five (Parker 91, Eric Bedser 61, Constable 70). MCC 157.

At Cambridge: Essex 289 for eight (Vigar not out 52), Cambridge University to bat.

At Oxford: Warwickshire 247 and 110 for three (Oxford 269).

At Nottingham: The two-day friendly match between Nottingham and Leicestershire was drawn. Leicestershire 283 and 111 for zero declared, Nottinghamshire 150 and 118 for three (Harris not out 50).

At Hove: Sussex 237 and 41 for zero, Lancashire 304 for seven declared (Grieves 88, Cox right-arm change three for 28).

At Southampton: Warwickshire 101 and 209 for eight (Doherty 50), Hampshire 160.

At Cardiff: Somerset 314 for nine declared and 128 for three (Gimblett 54), Glamorgan 232 (Lawrence right-arm leg-break five for 40).—Reuter

Practice match drawn

Osterley, Middlesex, May 4. An Indian Gymkhana XI, including two Indian Test players, Vinoo Mankad and Polly Umrigar, drew a one-day practice match with the West Indies cricket touring team at Osterley, Middlesex, today.

The West Indies, who won the toss, made 177 runs for seven wickets declared. In reply, the Gymkhana XI scored 78 for eight before stumps were drawn.

Outstanding for the Gymkhana team was Mankad, who after taking four wickets for 40 scored a bright 21, including one six and three fours in 33 minutes.—Reuter.

TENNIS
RESULTS

The sudden rain which fell soon after 6 p.m. yesterday forced the curtailment of six of the eight tennis league fixtures.

The only two matches which were completed were played at the Chinese Recreation Club where both home teams triumphed over their guests. The matches were in the Men's "B" Division.

The following are the results of the completed matches:

Men's "D" Division

Chinese Recreation Club "D" 9 Craighower 0

W.K. Chung and W.G. Chung beat W. Chow and T.B. Doo 6-1, best 2, Took and L. Souza 6-3; best D. Howard and B. Zeller 6-4.

T.S. Cheng and B.H. Wong beat Chow and Doo 6-5; best Took and Souza 6-4; best Howard and Zeller 6-1.

Y.H. Leung and T.H. Wong beat Chow and Doo 6-4; best Howard and Zeller 6-1.

Mixed Doubles
"B" Division

University 5—Kowloon Cricket Club 1 (unfinished)

N. Lo and Miss R. Lo beat B.A. Judah and Miss M. White and Miss Lambert-Baker 6-1.

T. Lo and Miss M. Saunders beat Judah and Mrs. R. Hancock 6-1.

D. Lo and Miss M. Abner beat White and Miss Lambert-Baker 4-4; best C. Quang and Mrs. E. Hancock 7-5.

Interport
tennis trial

Hong Kong has accepted Hanoi's invitation to play a series of Interport tennis matches at Hanoi and Haiphong, commencing May 27.

Tsui Wai-pui and Edwin Tsui were selected by the Interport Selection Committee to be the Hong Kong representatives to play with two young players to be selected after the trial matches to be held at the CRC Courts at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow.

At latest reports indicate that Edwin Tsui will be unable to make the trip, another experienced player will be selected to take his place.

The following is the programme for tomorrow:

3.30 p.m. (a) N. Lo (HKU) v No. 1 (RAF).

(b) J. Mackie (HKCC) v Yakob Khan (KITC).

(c) D. Lo (HKU) v T. M. Rodrigues (Recreio).

(d) Benzin Saw (SCAA) v No. 2 (RAF).

5 p.m. Winner of (a) v winner of (b).

Winner of (c) v winner of (d).

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